WEATHER.

Increasing cloudiness Monday followed by rain. Tuesday fair, colder.

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CONGRESS TAKES RECESS SATURDAY

Will Extend Until January 2; Members Already Planning for Their Vacations.

DO LITTLE WORK THIS WEEK

Sheppard Prohibition Bill Will Be Before Senate Again Today—Legislative Appropriation Measure In the House

Washington, Dec. 17.—With a holiday recess planned to begin next Saturday and extend until January 2 congressional leaders do not hope to accomplish anything before adjournment except the passage of a few appropriation bills in the House and possibly the disposition of the Sheppard Prohibition bill for the District of Columbia in the Senate.

Consideration of railroad legislation and corrupt practice election measures already having been deferred until next month, members already are planning their Christmas vacations, despite the effort made by Speaker Clark and others early in the session to do away with the usual ten-day recess.

Prohibition for the District of Columbia will be before the Senate again tomorrow with amendments providing for a referendum and Senator Smoot's substitute which would not only bar manufacture and sale of liquors for beverage purposes, but also prohibit importating liquor for personal use. A vote on the bill and amendments may be reached tomorrow.

Resuming consideration of the legislative appropriation bill tomorrow, the House probably will pass it not later than Tuesday. Discussion of the Nolan $3 a day minimum wage bill for all Federal employees, which will be offered as an amendment, may require several hours. Having disposed of this measure, the District of Columbia Appropriation measure, to be reported tomorrow, will be taken up.

The Judiciary committee's favorable report on the Webb nation-wide prohibition measure probably will be submitted at the end of this week by Representative Carlin, of Virginia, a member of the committee who recently became converted to the dry cause. A rule for consideration of the resolution will not be asked until after the recess. The Federal suffrage amendment resolution has been received by the House and a rule probably will be asked on it early in January also.

The House Ways and Means committee is working hard in an endeavor to find funds to finance the government next year, and it has its hands full. Chairman Kitchin says he is at his wits end to discover some new sources of revenue.

TWO FAMILIES OF WEALTH ARE INVOLVED IN MURDER

Snyder, Texas, Man Shot by Divorced Wife and Her Brother.

Snyder, Texas, Dec. 17.—Two families of wealth and wide social prominence in the Southwest were involved in the killing yesterday of Edward O. Simmons, a prominent cattle man. Sydney Johnson, a brother of Sims' divorced wife, Mrs. Gladys Sims, was arrested. Witnesses of the shooting told the sheriff today that a dispute over the two Sims children precipitated the affair. Since Sims and his wife were divorced several months ago, the children have been claimed by both father and mother at alternate periods. Sims recently married again.

Yesterday Sims stopped his automobile in the business district near that of his former wife, and, it is alleged, tried to take the children from their mother.

Mrs. Sims fired several shots from a small pistol, witnesses asserted, wounding Sims twice. About the same time a heavy discharge from a shot gun was fired into Sims' right side, causing almost instant death.

Johnson later surrendered. Mrs. Sims was not arrested and no charges were filed against her. She is a daughter of W. A. Johnson, president of the First National Bank of Snyder.

ONCE VIRTUALLY PENNILESS, IS NOW PARTNER OF MORGAN

Thomas Cochran Has Made Rapid Rise in Financial World in 16 Years

New York, Dec. 17.—Thomas Cochran, president of the Liberty National Bank, of this city, who come to New York virtually penniless 16 years ago, will become a partner in the firm of J. P. Morgan & Company on January 1, it was announced tonight.

Mr. Cochran was born in St. Paul, Minn., March 20, 1877, his parents having moved to that city from New York state. At the age of 21 Mr. Cochran came to New York City where his first employment was with a real estate company. Henry P. Davidson, then president of the First National Bank, but now a member of J. P. Morgan & Company, "discovered" Cochran and selected him, together with Seward Prosser, now president of the Bankers Trust Company, to aid him in a plan to reorganize the Astor Trust Company. His rise in financial circles was rapid after that.

In Mr. Cochran's third year at Yale his father met with business reverses and the young man worked his way through the fourth year. He will be the youngest of the 12 partners in the firm of J. P. Morgan & Company.

Atlanta, Ga. Dec. 17.—A. B. Steele, part owner and former president of the Atlanta and St. Andrews Bay railroad, died at his home here today after an illness of several months. Mr. Steele was 61 years old.

BAKER ENDS LEWIS GUN CONTROVERSY

Officially Condemns the Weapon and Assumes Responsibility for Its Rejection.

TEST NOT SATISFACTORY

Statement Says There Is No Official Record That Colonel Lewis Ever Offered His Gun to the Government.

Washington, Dec. 17. — Official condemnation of the Lewis machine gun, extensively purchased for the British and Canadian armies, is expressed in a formal statement issued by Secretary Baker, assuming full responsibility for the action of the War Department with respect to the much-discussed weapon, and directing that controversy among army officers over it cease.

"Whatever responsibility attaches to the condemnation of this gun as a service gun belongs to the War Department," the statement asserts, "and not to the chief of ordnance or the ordnance department. The proceedings of the boards which tested the rifle have been, in each case, duly approved by the Secretary of War."

The statement shows that the inspector general was directed to investigate the whole matter of the treatment of the Lewis gun, named after its inventor, a former army officer, when "the controversy reached the stage where open letters from high ranking army officers were published."

A board of officers already had agreed with previous boards that the gun was not suitable for extensive purchase for the army.

The inspector general's conclusions are reported in today's statement. In addition to the two paragraphs already quoted, it finds no official record that Col. Lewis ever offered his gun in any way to the United States government; that the American Arms Company in 1913 made the only offer of 100 guns at $1,000 each, with license for government manufacture on a royalty basis that tests of the gun were conducted by regularly constituted boards, that the Savage Arms Company in April of this year wrote General Crozier, chief of ordnance, expressing entire satisfaction with the work of the last board; that the gun's failure to pass its endurance test caused its exclusion from field tests, and, finally, that:

"The records do not show any hostility on the part of General Crozier or the ordnance department to the Lewis gun, but do show that the department, by direction of its chief, afforded the owners of the gun every possible facility in placing it before the testing board."

NEW CHURCH AT WINTERVILLE

Baptists to Erect $25,000 House of Worship—Present and Future Needs

Winterville, N. C., Dec. 17.—The Baptist church, preparing to rebuild on the site of the high school maintained by the denomination here which was destroyed by lightning last summer, will cost more than $25,000, it is expected. Spare rooms will be included to take care of a growing enrollment.

MUST TRY TO PREVENT EVASIVE ALLIED REPLY

Frankfurter Zeitung Discusses the Proposals for Peace.

Says if There Is to Be Restriction of Shipbuilding by Naval Powers, the United States Must Also Come Under Terms.

Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 17.—The Frankfurter Zeitung, in an article on the peace proposals, says:

"Germany must try to prevent the Entente from giving an evasive answer. We expect a wide clevage of views at the outset of the negotiations but great apparent divergencies of opinion will have less significance when the oral explanations are offered. The standpoints of both parties are already partly identical as regards the general fundamental aims of the war, and the German note must be understood as meaning that part of the German proposals refer to the re-establishment of international conventions for the avoidance of international conflicts and guarantee international peace."

Referring to the possibility of alleviating the burden of armaments, the Zeitung expresses the belief that an agreeemnt to this effect is possible, owing to the sufferings caused by war.

Discussing the naval question, the paper explains that Germany's fleet has been built only for defensive purposes and continues:

"If German ship building is to be restricted in the future, other naval powers, including the United States, must do likewise. The regulation of sea traffic might properly be under international organization."

The Zeitung concludes:

"If the peace offer is not accepted and Germany is forced to fight until her victory is complete, then the peace will be of quite a different kind."

TO FIGHT REPEAL OF ADAMSON LAW

Its Author Says Congress Would "Spank Both Sides to the Controversy, if Necessary."

IS STRICTLY A LABOR LAW

Mr. Adamson Says Roads and Employees May Settle Their Own Wage Disputes—Talks of Agreement Said to Be Proposed

Washington, Dec. 17.—Reports that railroad and brotherhood heads in peace conference have planned to propose the repeal of the Adamson Act and the substitution of a working agreement of their own making for it, today aroused Representative Adamson, author of the law, to declare that Congress would "spank both sides to the controversy if necessary."

Mr. Adamson, who is the House representative of President Wilson in railway legislation matters, is willing to co-operate in any plan employees and employers may evolve for the interpretation of his law as applied to working conditions, but will vigorously oppose repeal of it, as he thinks will the majorities of both houses.

"Congress will not agree to any repeal of the Adamson law", he said tonight. "The measure was passed in good faith, and it is a constitutional enactment regulating hours of labor and not wages. Let the roads and their men settle their wage disputes. If it becomes necessary to spank both sides, we'll spank them, though I hope that wont be necessary."

Representative Adamson says the result of the presidential election made the employers more eager for peace than they were last fall and that the growing belief that the President stands for a compulsory arbitration law has put the brotherhood leaders in a conciliatory frame of mind. Belief is current in congressional circles that the foremost feature of the final agreement will be an interpretation of the Adamson law so satisfactory to both sides that the suit to test the act's constitutionality, now before the Supreme Court, may be withdrawn. Repeal of the law, it is thought, hardly will be suggested.

FOUR-YEAR-OLD BOY KILLED WHEN AUTO TURNS TURTLE

Five Others Injured in Fatal Accident Yesterday Near Gastonia.

(Special Star Telegram).

Gastonia, N. C., Dec. 17.—Gamewell Smith, aged four, was instantly killed, his father, Barnett Smith, a well to do merchant of Kings Mountain, and the latter's wife were badly bruised at six o'clock this evening when Smith's car turned turtle a mile west of the city. Mr. and Mrs. Jason Fry, also of Kings Mountain, who were riding with them were more or less seriously injured.

The party had been to York, S. C., and were en route home when the accident occurred. Fry was driving, having asked Smith to let him try his hand at the wheel, and stating that he had had experience running autos. They met another car. In passing it the young driver apparently became excited and put on full speed.

He lost control of the machine and it left the road and turned over twice. A two-year-old baby of Smith's, which was in its mother's lap, was also badly bruised and may be injured internally. The dead boy's body was brought here and will be shipped to Kings Mountain tonight.

SAYS RADIUM A FAILURE AS CURE FOR CANCER AND TUMOR

Report on Tests Made by Dr. Wood, of Columbia University

Washington, Dec. 17.—After exhaustive tests upon rats, mice and guinea pigs, the use of radium as a cure of cancer and tumors has been found to be a failure, according to the annual report of Dr. Francis Carter Wood, head of the Crocker Cancer Research Fund of Columbia University, made public tonight.

"It is unquestionably possible to prolong life in a few instances," Dr. Woods says, "and to make the patients more comfortable by the judicious and intelligent employment of large quantities of radium. On the other hand, it is equally certain that the use of small quantities, say 20 to 50 milligrams of radium element, often results in a rapid extension of the tumor so that the patient's condition is worse than if he had been left alone."

MEXICAN BANKERS ARRESTED

British Subject and Eight Others Held at Mexico City

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 17.—William Mitchel, a British subject, manager of a Bank of London and Mexico, with Rafael Sandoval, Wilhelm Happer, Miguel Castillas, Gustave Montaudon, Federico Proal, Vincente Echemgaray and Francisco J. Livera, members of the board of councellors of that bank, are under arrest in the City of Mexico, according to newspapers received tonight. No cause for the arrests is given beyond the statement that the men declined to obey an order of General Carranza.

PRESIDENT GIVES $2,000

Sends Personal Check to Help Pay Off Democratic Campaign Debt

Washington, Dec. 17.—President Wilson has sent a check for $2,500 to Treasurer Marsh, of the Democratic National Committee as his contribution toward meeting the deficit in the committee's campaign fund.

RUMOR OF MUTINY AMONG VILLISTAS

General Salazar Reported to Have Separated From Villa and Joined Murguia.

CAMPAIGN IS KEPT SECRET

General Trevino Passes Through El Paso—Villa Forces Nearer Pershing's Force Than at Any Time Since Chihuahua Fight

Chihuahua, Mex., Dec. 17.—During the strict secrecy kept by General Murguia in his campaign against Francisco Villa, rumors have reached here of the separation of General Salazar from Villa and or his unconditional surrender to government forces. Another rumor has it that Villa's followers had a battle among themselves at Santa Ysabel over the division of spoils taken from Chihuahua City.

General Murguia, after a visit to his forces in the field, returned here and again disappeared.

TREVINO AND PARTY PASS THROUGH CITY OF EL PASO

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 17.—General Trevino, until recently commander of the Carranza forces in Chihuahua City, arrived here today and left tonight for Eagle Pass, on his way to Queretaro. General Trevino's brother, Francisco Trevino, late civil governor of Chihuahua, and several staff officers accompanied him.

Other Mexicans who arrived here today reported Villa was at Matachic, north of Guerrero. This is the nearest to the territory occupied by the Pershing expedition of any point at which Villa has been reported since the fall of Chihuahua City.

WILL RECEIVE CARRANZA'S ACTION ON PROTOCOL TODAY

Philadelphia, Dec. 17. — Without knowing whether General Carranza had ratified the protocol signed at Atlantic City, the American members of the Mexican-American joint commission, Secretary of the Interior Lane, Judge George Gray and Dr. J. Mott arrived here tonight to get from the Mexican commissioners tomorrow the answer given by the Mexican executive. Secretary Lane, chairman of the American group, informed them in an informal meeting tonight of the communication he had received from the Mexicans in which Carranza's representatives had said that they would submit tomorrow his "comments" on the protocol, which had been placed before him by Alberto J. Pani, one of the commissioners.

The Mexicans arrived late tonight, but declined to say what answer Carranza had made or to discuss the character of his comments.

JOHN H. WHITEHOUSE, M. P., FAVORS LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Liberal Member of Parliament Delivers Address in New York

New York, Dec. 17.—Formation of a league of nations to insure lasting international peace following the termination of the present war was enforsed here tonight in a speech by John Howard Whitehouse, liberal member of the parliament. Mr. Whitehouse is here studying educational methods with the view of introducing them in England after the war.

"We must find a way to make this the last war, and the United States can be of great help in promoting this suggestion at the end of the war", declared Mr. Whitehouse. "America has the opportunity, the will power and the humane instinct to bring about the organization of such a league. It will mean a great test to the public opinion of America and it gives the United States the opportunity to think out suggestions for international peace in the future.

"The establishment of this world league must follow the cessation of the rivalries in armaments. One result of the league would be to arrest rivalry in armaments, and finally bring about world peace".

LEAVES WORLD COURT.

John W. Hill Elected Chancellor of Lincoln Memorial University.

Akron, O., Dec. 17. — The first public announcement that John Wesley Hill, head of the World Court Movement, has been elected chancellor of Lincoln Memorial University, at Cumberland Gap, Tenn., and has resigned the general secretaryship of the world court to accept, was made by Rev. Mr. Hill today, while a guest of F. A. Seiberling, a trustee of the university.

The announcement was accompanied by a statement that the trustees and faculty are planning a great Lincoln birthday celebration at Cumberland Gap, on February 10, 11 and 12.

STEAMER STILL ASHORE

Norwegian Tramp Sticks Fast Despite Efforts to Float Her

Brigantine, N. J., Dec. 17.—The Norwegian tramp steamer Juno, which went ashore off Little Beach Life Saving station early yesterday, was still hard aground tonight. The coast guard cutter Mohawk and a tug made several ineffectual attempts during the day to pull the Juno into deep water. Another tug has been summoned from New York. The captain and crew of 23 men remain aboard.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 17.—Word of the total wreck of the British schooner Laura E. Melanson, off the coast of New Brunswick, in Saturday's storm was received here tonight. The mate was the only member of the crew lost.

FURTHER GAINS ARE MADE BY THE FRENCH IN THEIR DRIVE IN VERDUN REGION

Berlin Admits Loss of Village of Bezonvaux and the Wood to the West—Mackensen's Armies Cross the Buzeu and Calmatuiul Rivers in Rumania, Capturing 1,150 Prisoners and Much Booty—Russian Positions Stormed.

The French continuing their great offensive in the Meuse sector of the Verdun front and have made further gains. The British also have made progress and succeeded in Saturday's engagement in raiding enemy trenches near Ransart and southwest of Mytschaerte, gaining a foothold in both cases. The German war office admits the loss to the French of the village of Bezonvaux and a wood to the west of that place, but asserts that the French thrust further to the northward broke down before the German forces on a height north of Bezonvaux.

The new French lines at Vacherauville and Bezonvaux and in the Chambrette region have been heavily bombarded by the German guns.

North of the Ancre river in the Somme sector the British detachments attempted to enter German trenches but were repulsed.

Teutons Cross Two Rivers.

The Teutonic armies under Field Marshal von Mackensen in Eastern Wallachia have crossed the Buzeu and lower Calmatuiul rivers, and, in addition to taking 1,150 prisoners, captured great quantities of railroad rolling stock with innumerable vehicles of other kinds. The pursuit of the Russian and Rumanian troops in Dubrudja continues and the Teutonic forces now are close to the forest district in the north where it is expected the Russo-Rumanian armies will offer a stiff resistance. Petrograd admits the capture by the Germans and Bulgarian forces of the village of Testmele, in Dobrudja.

Russian Positions Stormed.

Desperate encounters marked the fighting in Volhynia where the forces of Prince Leopold are declared by the Berlin war office to have stormed Russian positions on a front of 600 yards north of the railroad between Kovel and Lutsk, capturing five officers, 300 men and several machine guns and mine throwers.

A thrust by the Russians near Illuks was repulsed. This result was accomplished only after three desperate attacks, according to Petrograd.

Southwest of Valeputna, in the wooded Carpathians, the Russians after repelling an attack by large German forces at the point of the bayonet, captured a height.

More active artillery bombardments marked the fighting in the Austro-Italian theatre. These and patrol engagements are the only events announced in this sector.

The government of Schleswig, Prussia, has declared civil conscription of school boys, according to a dispatch from Copenhagen. The boys will be used for railroad and similar work.

Berlin, Dec. 17. (via Sayville)—The correspondent at Stockholm of the Lokal Anzeiger telegraphs that during the meeting of the last Rumanian crown council it was resolved that the

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BRAZILIAN BARK WITH TWELVE ABOARD LOST

Went Down in Snow Storm Friday Night Off Jersey Coast.

The Nethtis Was Being Towed by the Tug Garibaldi to New York—Captain of the Tug Tells of the Disaster.

New York, Dec. 17.—The Brazilian bark Nethtis, with 12 men on board, was lost during the snow storm Friday night off Barnegat, on the New Jersey coast, according to Captain Moroeh, of the tug Garibaldi, on her way here from Maranham, Brazil, to be converted into a steam vessel.

The bark was lost, according to Captain Moroeh, through the breaking under the strain of the wind and high seas of the chain tackle to which the tow line was fastened. This occurred shortly before 7 p. m. and for seven hours the tug searched through the blinding storm for some trace of her tow, repeatedly sounding her whistle and burning lights to attract the attention of the men on board the helpless craft.

The quest was unavailing, however, and at day light Saturday the tug came on to New York to report the loss. Coast guard authorities and life saving stations along the north Atlantic coast were asked to watch for the bark and her crew.

The Garibaldi, with her tow, started from Maranham October 13, touching at Barbados and San Juan for coal and supplies. Less than 60 miles of her 6,000 mile voyage remained to be covered when the bark was lost.

The Nethtis is not registered in available shipping records, but Captain Moroeh said she was a vessel with three masts, of a size that would permit her being made into a steamer. The 12 men on the bark were Brazilians.

WILL NOT BE CANDIDATE

District Attorney Marshall Will Not Seek Re-Appointment

New York, Dec. 17.—H. Snowden Marshall, United States district attorney for the southern district of New York, announced tonight that he will not be a candidate for re-appointment when his term expires on May 7, next, but will return to private practice.

The United States Supreme Court is still considering Mr. Marshall's appeal to prevent the House of Representatives from punishing him for contempt after his controversy with the committee of that body having impeachment charges against him under consideration. The charges against him were the outgrowth of his activities in bringing about the indictment of men active in Labor's National Peace Council.

TO RAISE LINER POWHATAN.

Merchants' and Miners' Steamer Sunk in Twenty Feet of Water.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 17. — Tugs and barges connected with local wrecking concerns this afternoon began the actual work of raising the Merchants' and Miners' liner Powhatan, sunk Wednesday night off Willoughby Beach, following a collision with the British tanker Telena. Divers have completed the task of stopping up the great rent in the ship's side. The Powhatan will be raised with pontoons, pumped out and carried to the Newport News ship yard for rebuilding. The wreckers are confident they will be able to float the steamer now resting in 20 feet of water.

FORTY PERSONS LOST ON SPANISH STEAMER

The Pio IX Was Sunk in Storm Off Canary Islands December 8.

Eleven Survivors of Ill Fated Vessel Arrived Yesterday at New York Aboard Steamer Buenos Aires, Which Went to Rescue.

New York, Dec. 17.—Eleven survivors of the Spanish steamship Pio IX, wrecked in a storm and sunk several hundred miles off the Canary Islands on December 8, arrived here today on the steamer Buenos Aires. Eleven others were reported to have been saved by a French transport. Forty of the crew, including the captain, were drowned. Nine of the men on the Buenos Aires were picked up from an improvised raft and two of them from a ladder.

Had it not been for two small electric flashlights, it was said the men brought here, also, probably would have been drowned. The Buenos Aires, which had responded to an SOS call from the Pio IX, failed in an effort to attach a line to the sinking ship, owing to heavy sea. She was compelled to draw away for her own safety. All the life boats on the Pio IX had been smashed in attempts to launch them and night overtook the survivors as they were battling hopelessly in the raging sea.

A light flashing from the surface of the sea attracted attention on board the Buenos Aires. A boat was lowered and two of the survivors was picked up from a ship's ladder, with which they had leaped in the water. Soon after a similar light was observed and nine others were picked up from an improvised life raft.

A wireless message—the last from the Pio IX—received by the operator on the Buenos Aires later in the night, announced that the ship was sinking rapidly. The message closed with a "good bye." The Buenos Aires remained in the vicinity until day light but no trace then was seen of the vessel.

The Pio IX was bound from Galveston and New Orleans for Spain with a cargo of cotton and staves. Her first wireless call said she had sprung a leak and that a terrific northwest gale was raging.

The Spanish consul general here, it was said tonight, will obtain return passage to Spain for the survivors brought here.

RUNS BRITISH BLOCKADE

German Steamship Reaches Stavanger From Norwegian Port.

Berlin, Dec. 17, (via Sayville).—The German steamship Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm, which has been anchored at Odde, near Bergen, Norway, since the beginning of the war, has arrived at Stavanger, according to a dispatch from Christiana to the Frankfurter Zeitung, "after having broken the British blockade outside Bergen."

A line of two British destroyers and three torpedo boats, the message adds, was crossed by the steamer.

GOVERNOR TRAFFIC OFFICER.

Operates Semaphore While Christmas Fund for Poor is Raised.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 17. — Governor Tom C. Rye today operated a traffic officer's semaphore on a down town corner, holding up traffic while business men and young ladies sold papers to occupants of vehicles to raise a Christmas fund for the poor. Over $4,400 was raised.

HAS NEW PLAN TO ENCOURAGE PEACE

Believes $500,000,000 Sum to Help European Non Combatants Would Have Powerful Influence.

SUGGESTS $500,000,000 FUND

Frederick C. Walcott Addresses Large Number of Senators and Representatives — Action of Allies Awaited With Interest.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Frederick C. Walcott, of New York, who recently investigated conditions in Poland and Belgium for the Rockefeller Foundation, told a number of Senators and Representatives who met tonight at the home of Miss Mabel T. Boardman, of the Red Cross, that a fund of $500,000,000 collected in this country and offered for relief of non-combatants in Europe would be a powerful peace influence at this time. He said such an act would tend to create popular demonstrations for peace among civilian populations of warring nations, because they would be anxious for the assistance in rehabilitating their homes and restoring normal living conditions.

Mr. Walcott suggested that a fund of that size should be raised by combined popular contributions and congressional appropriation. Considering the wealth of the United States, he declared, it was not an exorbitant sum to give. Since 1914 the estimated aggregate income of the United States has been $80,000,000,000, he said, and the combined offerings for war sufferers has amounted to $40,000,000, or one-twentieth of one per cent of the income.

With the forwarding yesterday of the notes of the Central Powers proposing peace negotiations, the United States government performed its role of intermediary and took the only immediate step contemplated by President Wilson. Official and diplomatic quarters here are now awaiting with profoundest interest some word indicating what nature of replies may be expected from the Entente powers.

It is believed that the speech before the British partiament to be made Tuesday by Premier Lloyd-George, will set forth England's attitude and the hope is generally expressed here that the premier's illness will not prevent him from speaking.

No further light was shed today on the purposes of the American government. There is every indication, however, that the President does not intend to make another move, at least until he is fully informed as to the reception accorded the Teutonic proposal.

TEUTONS ADVANCE IN EAST WHILE FRENCH GAIN IN WEST

Berlin, Dec. 17, (via Sayville).—Teutonic armies invading Rumania have crossed the Buzeu and lower Calmatuiul rivers, in Eastern Wallachia, according to the statement issued tonight by the German headquarters staff.

An earlier statement said French forces yesterday continue their attack on the east bank of the river Meuse, in the Verdun region, and after a violent struggle captured Bezonvaux and the wood to the west of that village. The French advance was checked in front of German positions on heights north of Bezonvaux. Attempts of British detachments to enter German trenches near Hannescamps, south of Arras, were sanguinarily repulsed. The statement reads:

"Western war theatre: Army group of Crown Prince Rupprecht—Near Hannescamps, north of the Ancre river, English detachments protected by a strong fire tried to enter our trenches. They were sanguinarily repulsed.

"Army group of German Crown Prince—On the east bank of the Meuse the French yesterday continued their attack. After a violent struggle Bezonvaux and the wood to the west of the village remained in their hands. Their thrusts, which were continued further to the northward, broke down in front of our positions on a height of the ridge north of the village of Bezonvaux."

GERMANY DOES NOT WANT CESSATION IN FIGHTING

London, Dec. 17.—Telegraphing from Copenhagen, the correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company quotes the Frankfurter Zeitung as saying:

"Germany does not want a cessation of fighting, but merely a conference at which all the belligerents shall openly state their peace proposals.

"A conference will be held at The Hague about January 15. While the conference is in session, all the belligerents will be allowed to continue military operations."

TELLS WHY CENTRAL POWERS DID NOT MAKE TERMS KNOWN

Berlin, Dec. 17, (via Sayville)—"Some sections of the foreign press, and especially newspapers in hostile countries," said the Overseas News Agency, "having declared that the Central Powers ought to have added definite peace proposals to their peace offer, the Overseas Agency asked a distinguished German diplomatist for his opinion on this point. His answer was:

"The German note to the Entente governments contains a very definite communication as to the spirit of the peace conditions which the Central Powers would bring to the proposed negotiations.

"The Central Powers base these proposals on the conviction that their own rights and just claims today are not in contradistinction to the rights of other nations. In addition the Central Powers declare they do not want to annihilate or destroy anybody and that the peace proposals will be of such a nature as to guarantee the establishment of a lasting peace.

"To go further in outlining the peace

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ENEMY CIVILIANS IN ENGLAND GIVEN HELP

Society of Friends Aids Needy Aliens in That Country.

So Far as Is Known It Is the Only Belligerent Country That Has a Charitable Organization Giving Such Support

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 10.—So far as known here, England is the only one of the countries at war which supports a charitable committee for the help of enemies in its midst. Yet such is the "Emergency Committee for the Assistance of Germans, Austrians and Hungarians in Distress".

This society was formed by members of the Religious Society of Friends to aid "innocent alien enemies in Great Britain rendered destitute by the war", and its report for the last fiscal year shows that nearly one hundred thousand dollars was contributed and disbursed. Membership is not confined to the Quakers, for the Archbishop of Canterbury, the head of the church of England, and the Bishops of Lichfield and Lincoln, as well as Viscount Bryce, Lord Haldane, formerly Minister for war, and several members of parliament and ministers of Protestant churches are among its supporters.

The committee maintains a regular staff of visitors, who pay regular calls and enter sympathetically into the many difficulties that continually arise.

The report shows now the strain of the war is telling on many people: "Many of the women visited are suffering from depression and other nerve troubles, owing to the great strain put on them by the isolation of their position and the struggle for existence. A small special fund has been opened to enable our visitors to cheer these poor souls during the times of acute crisis or prolonged monotony, so that the mental and spiritual strain may be relieved before the breaking point is reached."

Still the Committee still finds many cases where deportation to Germany or Austria is sought. "As the weary months of the war drag on for those who are unable to take any part in the active work going on in all directions, and as savings dimish, many families who asked for and obtained, their exemption to stay in England now, make up their minds to return to their own countries. The question we are asked, and the advice sought, become more and more varied. We continue to make up parties of those leaving England, and we are frequently asked to send children back to their relations. So far we are glad to say that all such children have reached their destination safely, although sometimes obliged to travel almost alone. A chain of workers in England and Holland hand them on from one to another."

A considerable part of the Committee's activity is devoted to work in the internment camps. During the past year the number of internal civilians in England has increased considerably, and the military prisoners are also growing in number. With regard to the condition of those interned, the report says, "We find that in many cases the men are continually oppressed with anxiety about their families, whether in England or Germany, and about their business and future prospects. There is often a deep sense of injustice and of uselessness. It is only natural that long months of confinement should lead to depression, and threaten nervous mental or moral breakdown in a good many cases.

"We share the feeling of dread and horror with which prisoners—especially the civilians, who suffer most—on both sides, look forward to the possibility of another winter in camp and we are longing for the success of the present negotiations between the governments for ending the whole interment system."

Berlin, via Sayville, Dec. 17.— The first meeting of the Polish National Council will be held before Christmas, according to the Overseas News Agency. The initial meeting of the Polish National Assembly will occur in February the agency adds.

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Danny Lund's Triangle Girls.—adv't.

WORLD MAY FACE FOOD SHORTAGE NEXT YEAR

International Institute Says There Must be Close Economy.

"Has the World Enough to Live Upon Until Next Harvest?" is Title of Report Just Recently Made Public.

(Correspondence of Associated Press).

Rome, Dec. 10.—The International Institution of Agriculture has published a report under the title, "Has the World Enough to Live Upon Until the Next Harvest?"

The report took into consideration five unfavorable factors, the failure of the northern hemisphere harvests of the year ending July 31 and particularly those of Canada and the United States; the unreleased crops of Russia owing to the continued closing of the Dardanelles; the extra and unusual consumption of food by the armies; the increased difficulty of transporting crops; and the fact that normally the world's food consumption increases year by year, partly due to population increases, and whereby a crop which does no more than obtain to an antecedent average is actually an insufficient one.

The general conclusion of the report, while not favorable, indicates that if every nation, irrespective of those at war, exercises close economy there may be a narrow margin of surplus food left at the beginning of the next harvest year. It is also made clear that should the next harvest be no better than the present, the situation will be serious.

The report states: "It is clear that no one can estimate with any precision what may be the actual consumption of the world during the period dividing us from the next harvest." However, it places the consumption of wheat in the northern hemisphere countries at 2,337,500,000 bushels, adds to this the consumption of the southern hemisphere countries, and arrives at a total estimate consumption of 3,936,648,364 bushels. Taking into account all existing wheat, given this consumption figure, the report finds that the wheat surplus by July 31 next will be but 46,281,609 bushels, and that this surplus will exist because of the preceding abundant harvest whereby 345,385,140 bushels of stored wheat were available to add to this year's consumption. This year's total wheat crop is therefore but 3,491,262,224 bushels, as compared to 4,062,567,000 bushels last year.

The report estimates the stores of Russian wheat so far unavailable for military reasons at a total of 503,580,000 bushels. If this wheat is released at any time within the next calendar year, the food situation will be easier though not if the next harvest fails.

The report's definite figures deal with the five important food crops of the northern hemisphere, wheat, rye, barley, oats and corn. "It should be borne in mind", it states, "that these northern hemisphere crops are 93 per cent of those of the whole world for wheat, 99.9 of those of rye, 99.1 per cent of the barley, 97.8 of the oats, and 94.2 of the corn. The crops in the northern hemisphere rately gathered, taken as a whole, are undoubtedly bad. The wheat figures for 1916, 1915, and the average of the five-year period of 1909-13 are respectively 887,706,000 quintals; 1,095,406,000 quintals; and 925,316,000 quintals. In other words this year's crop is only 80.2 per cent of that of the previous year, and 94.9 per cent of the average. (A quintal is 3 2-3 bushels).

For the five cereals, the grand totals indicate the present year's yield as but 88.7 per cent of that of 1915 and 100.- per cent of the five-year period. These totals are 3,182,697,000 quintals for 1916; 3,586,166,000 quintals for 1915; and 3,178,342,000 quintals for the five-year average.

Taking into count estimates of the coming harvests in the southern hemisphere, the report gives as the whole world's surplus (not yield) for these five cereals 172,408,000 quintals (632,162,666 bushels) and the total surplus at the disposal of international trade at 14,090,000 quintals (51,063,332 bushels.)

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MUCH INTEREST IN ACTIVITY OF BRITISH IN MESOPOTAMIA

Forces Believed in Position to Capture Kut-El-Amara at Any Time.

London, Dec. 18.—The renewal of British activity in Mesopotamia after seven months' quiesence is attracting attention. Nothing is known of the new movement except what is contained in the official communications. The near approach of the British forces to Kut-El-Amara is not regarded as necessarily of great consequence except so far as it may be part of a definite plan, because it is believed here that General Maude, who now commands the expedition, has been in a position to take Kut-El-Aamar at any time during the past three months if he had so desired.

It is remarked by the Times that if, as is possible, the British now enter Kut the Turks will be compelled to evacuate Sanayyat without having the satisfaction of resisting another frontal attack.

MUCH OPPOSITION SHOWN TO SALE OF THE DANISH ISLES

Government, However, Feels Justified in Proceeding With the Deal

London, Dec. 18.—A Times dispatch from Copenhagen says the government considers itself justified in proceeding with the sale of the Danish West Indies by the result of plebiscite. About 40 per cent of the electorate voted. The strength against the sale of the islands was certainly greater than expected. The decision, however, rests with the riksdag, and it is thought that the polling may strengthen the anti-sale group of the liberal party.

HEALTH HAS NEW MEANING.

Has Great Commercial Value, Says the State Board of Health.

"Health is beginning to mean more to people than keeping them out of bed or the invalid's chair," says the State Board of Health. "It is now being thought of in terms of energy, efficiency, service, prosperity and happiness. a new concept of health has been formed which not only includes length of life but breadth and depth of life as well. The new health idea is not to live long in years only but to live broadly, which is to live well both in deeds and spirit.

Health "stock" has risen. Today it has a high commercial value. Yesterday when minutes were of no value and hours were idled away, health "stock" sold below par. A man could be sick half of his time and hold his job. Today, he must not only not be sick, but he must be there with all his powers, and they must be in good working order. In other words, he must be efficient.

"Tomorrow will find no place for the inefficient. The physically defective child of today will be the inefficient man of tomorrow. The young man who fails to appreciate a strong, healthful body and disregards the health rules of today will labor under physical handicaps later on. Health has a great commercial value and whoever fails to recognize that fact and conserve his health will be more than physical bankrupts in the future."

SALE OF SEALS INCREASED FORTY PER CENT LAST YEAR

Several North Carolina Towns This Year Adopt Mail Sale Method.

(State Board of Health.)

Last year the increase of the sales of Red Cross Christmas seals over that of the year before was almost 40 per cent and it is thought by those having this work in hand that the mail sale method that was adopted last year was largely responsible for the increase.

The mail sale method consists in mailing seals enclosed in a letter to each of a selected list of probable buyers without previous solicitation. It secures the highest results of any method known for the time, labor and expense involved, and when posted in proper form the letters make highly pleasing and welcome receipts in the mail, far from giving offense. A stamped return envelop is enclosed in each letter so that the receiver can without trouble or expense return either payment or the seals. The method works to a great advantage particularly in reaching those in the country or in distant places.

Many North Carolina towns are adopting the method of selling seals through the mail and are finding that it pays. Raleigh adopted the method last year and is using it again this year. Dr. L. B. McBrayer, executive secretary of the State Red Cross Seal Commission, is also using the mail sale method in his work. He will furnish literature explaining the mail sale method to any who are interested.

STAGE IS DISPLACED

Big Passenger Motors to Hereafter be Used in Yellowstone Park.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Completion of long talked of plans for substituting automobiles for the picturesque horse-drawn stages in Yellowstone National Park was announced tonight by Secretary Lane. Next summer there will be big ten-passenger motor cars to speed visitors through the long stretches of Lodge-Pole forest, giving them time to linger at points of special interest. The passing of the horse is a feature of a general reorganization of living and transportation facilities in the park under which better hotel and camp service is promised.

A. & M. FOOTBALL SCHEDULE FOR 1917 SEASON ANNOUNCED

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 17. — The 1917 football schedule of North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical College was announced today as follows:

October 5—Davidson College, at Raleigh.
October 13—Roanoke College, at Raleigh.
October 18—Wake Forest, at Raleigh.
October 27—Washington and Lee University, at Lexington, Va.
November 3—Pending.
November 10—Virginia Military Institute, at Richmond, Va.
November 17 — Virginia Polytechnic Institute, at Norfolk.
November 28—West Virginia University, at Morgantown, W. Va.

WOMEN WORKERS INCREASE.

Number Applying for Jobs in Berlin During Year Over 150,000.

Berlin, Dec. 17. — The number of women applying at employment agencies increased notably during the fiscal year of 1915-16. While the number of male work-seekers dropped notably, there were 206,[illegible] men who sought work of the so-called "Central Employment Agency," the largest in Berlin, while 157,514 women were registered as looking for jobs. This is a decrease of 121,466 men and an increase of about 26,000 women applicants.

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ALLIED SHIPPING IS AGAIN WARNED AGAINST A RAIDER

Message Sent Out By British Cruiser Off Sandy Hook

New York, Dec. 17.—Another warning to shipping of the Entente Allies to be on the alert against a German raider on this side of the Atlantic was sent out tonight by a British cruiser off Sandy Hook. The wireless message was very largely a repetition of the one flashed a week ago, and contained no new information as to the character of location of the supposed raider.

COL. H. S. T. HARRIS DEAD

Body Found in Bed at Club in Which He Lived at San Francisco

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Col. Henry S. T. Harris, chief surgeon of the western division of the United States, was found dead here today in bed at the club at which he lived. The cause of death was believed to have been apoplexy. He was a native of Virginia and 53 years old. He was graduated in 1883 from Columbia University and entered the United States army as an assistant surgeon in 1886. He was married.

PART OF CARGO SAVED.

Hope of Salvaging the Steamer Santiago is Abandoned.

Tampa, Fla., December 17. — The freighter Shawmue arrived here today from Key West with a portion of the salvaged cargo of the stranded Southern Steamship Company's steamer Santiago. Hope has been virtually abandoned among marine men of saving the vessel or the remaining eighty per cent. of her cargo. The Santiago, en route from New York for Tampa, went aground near Key West more than a week ago.

ROYAL ARCANUM

All Members of

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ROYAL ARCANUM,

Are urged to attend a joint meeting of the two councils, which is to be held at

8 P. M. Tonight
In Carolina Council Hall
213 Princess Street.

A social evening will be given and Supreme Representative Harvey B. Craven will be present to address the members with reference to the new options that are now being given.

H. E. BONITZ,
Grand Secretary.

Everybody Reads the Star Business Locals

A NOVEL THEATRE ON THE WESTERN FRONT

A bomb proof motion picture theatre behind the German lines on the western front, where [illegible] dramas and comedies are flashed for the entertainment of the Kaiser's troops. The theatre is managed by the war department and, of course, admission is free. (Copyright [illegible] News Service).

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THEATRICAL

All is in readiness for the opening of Wilmington's new vaudeville theatre, the new Royal, tonight at 7:30, and there is no doubt but that crowds will be anxious to get in to see the new and pretty theatre tonight, and that capacity crowds will witness the performances of Danny Lund's Triangle Girls.

Danny Lund's Famous Triangle Girls Company has been booked for the big opening week at the Royal, an all-star aggregation of musical comedy and vaudeville artists, presenting only the newest and highest class musical comedy plays, with the prettiest and best trained singing and dancing chorus ever seen in Wilmington. Special and elaborate scenery and stage equipment is carried with this show for every bill, and they feature that famous yodeler, Hy Jensen, as one of the biggest attractions ever presented with a popular price musical comedy show. The Triangle Trio, dancing and singing artists de luxe, is another big feature of the show.

A new scale of prices has been arranged for the Royal, whereby the highest price at night will be 25 cents for entire lower floor, and 15 cents for entire balcony, which has been re-arranged an elavated to make it more ranged and elavated to make it more balcony and 15 cents for entire first floor will be charged. The same hours as formerly at the Victoria, will be maintained at the Royal.

"Unprotected"—At the Grand

Blanche Sweet, the Lasky star, will be seen at the Grand today in "Unprotected," a thrilling drama of the southern prison camps, written especially for her by James Hatton.

There is no other artist on the photodramatic screen who has the versatility and is able to run the gamut of characters as ably as does Miss Sweet. She has, in her excellent manner, depicted characters of all nationalities and in all walks of life. She has been seen as a child of the slums and as a princess, as a Swedish maid-of-all work in a college boarding house and as a Montenegrin peasant. In "Unprotected" she portrays most striking and unusual character of her entire career—that of a beautiful young artist, leased with other convict laborers and sentenced to work in a turpentine camp.

As an orphan girl she goes to live with her irascible uncle who refuses to permit her to indulge in her artistic inclinations. An accident befalls the old man in which he is killed and she is sentenced to ten years in prison, and leased out to a private firm to work with the riff-raff of the state in one of the huge turpentine camps.

How, as a young artist, she meets the son of the Governor—how he falls in love with her and altho she is convicted under a different name, finds her just as she is about to fall into the clutches of the owner of the camp—how the convicts rebel against the treatment—and how they are finally saved from worse than death by her pleas for them to the Governor, makes a story absolutely unique in motion picture annals.

"Liberty"—Fourteenth Chapter

Today the Bijou will again entertain countless thousands as the fourteenth great chapter of that spectacular serial "Liberty" is screened for the first time. This great serial is picking up every week—it is actually getting better and stronger each week, and the attandence is increasing by leaps and bounds with each succeeding weekly episode. The fourteenth great chapter today is without doubt one of the most thrilling photoplays that have ever been screened in Wilmington and if you want good seats you had best come in the afternoon—then it will be crowded.

William V. Mong has turned out a little gem in the Laemmle two-reel drama of the South, eptitled "The Last of the Morgans", also on today's bill, playing the title role himself. Morgan has proven his versality in direction, time and again, as well as his peculiar adaptability for a variety of character roles. His success lies in his ability to act, not in all in the God-given privilege of playing handsome juveniles; he is not cut out for this, and he knows it. But there is plenty of pathos, plenty of strong acting, and conviction in the role which he has assigned to himself.

The Birth of a Nation.

In response to numerous and urgent requests, D. W. Griffith's "The Birth of a Nation," which scored here the greatest triumph a theatrical attraction has ever achieved, has been booked for a return engagement at the Academy of Music for two days beginning Christmas afternoon with daily matinees thereafter. In every respect this presentation will be the same as before including the same big symphony orchestra.

David W. Griffith, whose fame has now girdled the globe, chose for the theme of this great spectacle the turmoil and travail of over fifty years ago, out of which a new and united nation was born. A Southerner himself, the son of General "Thunder Jake" Griffith of the Confederate Army, Griffith knows the heart of the South. Through his wonderful story of what the South suffered he has brought out the brotherhood of the North and has done more to cement the friendship of the two sections than all the books that have been written. Editorials in Northern newspapers say that he has forever wiped out Mason and Dixon's line.

In order to do his work conscientiously, Griffith employed a whole corps of history experts to ransack thousands of printed volumes, pamphlets, bound files of old newspapers and manuscripts. From their researches he built up his scenario. Not one of the historical incidents shown on the screen can be successfully disputed. He is a teacher of historical truths, but he never becomes tiresome in the telling. Distilled in the alembic of his imagination history takes on the aspect of romance with all of its fascination.

Those who have seen "The Birth of a Nation" no more wonder that it cost $500,000 to produce. They only marvel that it did not cost more. Take the battle of Petersburg, for instance. The reproduction of that alone cost a small fortune. Then the burning of Atlanta and reproduction in replica of Ford's theatre, Washington, and of the legislative hall in South Carolina, all cost large sums.

"The Birth of a Nation" is the art triumph of the twentieth century and no one can afford to miss seeing its wonders.

The prices have been greatly reduced for the return engagement. The best seats for the night performance may be obtained for one dollar and one dollar and a half. The best seats for the matinee are seventy-five cents and one dollar.

Maury, N. C., Dec. 17.—W. M. Wells, a former mayor of this town, had a narrow escape from a horrible death in a cotton gin. Wells was cleaning machinery when the engine was started by a person unaware of his presence. His cries attracted attention and the engine was stopped, saving him from being slowly crushed to death.

BLANCHE SWEET AND THEODORE ROBERTS
In "Unprotected," the Latest Lasky -Paramount Feature, at Grand Today

Scene from D. W. Griffith's wonderful spectacle, "The Birth of a Nation," returning for two days to the Academy, starting Christmas day.

TELL STRANGE STORY ABOUT PRESENCE AT "BLIND TIGER"

Two Young Men Who Face Trial Say They Just "Dropped In."

(Special Star Correspondence.)

New Bern, Dec. 17. — Fred Tippett and D. T. Turley, two young white men who are confined in the Craven county jail, awaiting trial at the next term of Federal Court, to be held in this city, on a charge of having aided and abetted in the operation of the big illicit distilling plant located and confiscated Thursday morning in the lower part of Craven county by a party of revenue officers, tell one of the strangest stories ever heard here in the explanation of their presence at the still.

The men claim they were out on a hunting trip, and that while going through the Inland Waterway canal their boat broke down, and that about that time a handsome yacht came along, picked them up and towed them to a landing near the point at which the still was located.

They spent a few hours at the landing and, later, seeing a house back in the woods, they went there and sought shelter, which was given them. They claim that they stayed there several days, during which time they were told about the still, and on the morning of the raid they just "dropped in" to see it in operation.

Revenue officers who made he raid, including several from Raleigh and the western part of the state, saw Tippett and Turley assisting in operating the plant, and they feel sure that the two men were just as deeply engaged in it as the four others who escaped after three sixty gallon stills had been confiscated and cut up.

BARLON OPPENHEIM DETAINED BY IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS

Was Prevented From Landing in New York from Steamer Noordam

New York, Dec. 17.—Baron R. E. Oppenheim, a cabin de luxe passenger on the Holland-America Line steamship Noordam, said to be a member of a wealthy family of bankers with offices in London and Paris, was prevented from landing and ordered sent to Ellis Island by immigration authorities when the steamship arrived here from Falmouth today.

The order was served just before the ship was made fast at her pier. By whom the order was issued and the reason for the detention of Oppenheim were not disclosed. The immigration officers merely said the passenger was to go to Ellis Island" for further examination."

Oppenheim's comment on the occurrence was: "It's only a trifle, which will be adjusted".

Asked if it might possibly be a case of mistaken identity, he answered "Quite likely".

Further conversation with him was prevented by order of the immigration officers.

While coming up the bay after the Noordam had left quarantine, Oppenheim said to reporters that he was a son of Baron Oppenheim, who was prominently connected with the Rothschilds but that he personally had not been actively connected with the banking business for several years. He added that his present trip to America the second in two years was one of recreation.

TO BE A "WET" CHRISTMAS.

Thousands of Dollars to be Spent for "Booze" in East Carolina.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 17. — There may be some sections of North Carolina as "dry" as the proverbial bone during the holiday season, but it can safely be said that such will not be the case in the eastern part of the State, and, regardless of the fact that it is a little harder to secure the "spiritus frumenti" since Virginia went into the prohibition column, thousands of gallons of liquor are being sent in Eastern North Carolina every day and every incoming train carries its full quota of this.

One official of the express company which serves this section has stated that at least $100,000 will be sent away to distant states for whiskey during the month of December, this amount, of course, coming from a number of counties. Whether this sum will really be spent is doubtful, but there is no doubt about the fact that thousands of dollars' worth of whiskey is being and has been shipped to this section this month.

Queretaro, Mex., Dec. 17.—The constitutional assembly last night passed the educational section of the new constitution, barring clergymen of all sects from teaching any school, by a vote of 99 to 56.

HEAVY FOG CAUSES MANY ACCIDENTS TO SHIPPING

Numerous Collisions Saturday Are Reported from London.

London, Dec. 17.—Numerous shipping accidents are reported, owing to Saturday's heavy fog. The crew of the English and Welsh ground lightship have been landed at Barry and report that the lightship was in collision with the steamer Welshman.

The Norwegian steamer Annavore collided with the Belgian relief steamer Vightstroom lying at anchor in the Thames. The Annavore went aground in a sinking condition. The stern of the Vightstroom was damaged.

The steamer Royal, transport, collided in Barry roads with an unidentified vessel and was compelled to drydock.

The steamer Norah Elsmie was towed into Portsmouth harbor after a collision with the steamer Chioris. The tug Morena, from Buenos Aires, stranded off Chichester harbor.

GREENE COUNTY COURT

Some Bad Actors Sentenced—Snow Hill Tobacco Market.

(Special Star Correspondence)

Snow Hill, N. C., Dec. 17.—Ivie Barrett, sentenced to 18 months, and Chas. King, colored, 24 months, may have been responsible for a number of holdups in the bright tobacco belt in the past two or three years. They were convicted in Superior court here last week of highway robbery. They held up a man of their own race near Walstonburg. King is said to have spent most of his life in jails and on the chain gangs of this section. A number of long sentences passed at the term included 30 years for Henry Woodard, a convict trusty who left his quarters and entered the home of Mary Edwards, an old negress, several months ago. The charge against him was burglary. Willie Hines, colored, who attempted assauldt upon a 4-year-old white girl, was given 15 years. Will, alias "J. Y." Donaldson, caught in the act of stealing a ring, was given 10 months.

The local tobacco market has suspended for the season. It was a very successful fall for the market, both as to quantity sold and the money turned over. Plans are on foot to increase the facilities by next fall in order that a larger share of the increased production looked for may be sold here.

BUYING UP STEAMERS

New Line From Baltimore to New Bern to be Opened in Spring.

(Special Star Correspondence).

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 17.—Word comes from Baltimore that the officials of the Virginia-Carolina Navigation Company, who are planning to operate a line of steamers between New Bern and that city, beginning early in the spring, have already purchased one steamer for this line and that another is to be bought just as soon as possible.

The management of the proposed line state that they will probably have it in operation about April 1st, running their largest steamers from Baltimore to New Bern and operating smaller boats between this port and Kinston and Trenton.

Another company, which is headed by Mason L. Williams, is also planning to operate a similar line, beginning early in the spring, and from present indications one would judge that New Bern is to be well heeled with steamer lines to the north at an early date.

AN INCIDENT ON BORDER

Faulkner's Trouble Not Serious—Expects to Come Home Soon on "Leave."

(Special Star Correspondence).

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 17.—Reassuring messages have been received here by relatives of Alpheus Faulkner, a former officer in the National Guard who last week shot and seriously wounded Norwood Barbour, a non-commissioned officer of the Second North Carolina infantry, whose home is in Wilson. Faulkner, who is being held in quarters pending an investigation of the shooting, wired his wife in this city that there was nothing serious in the case. Reports from other sources are to the same effect. Faulkner's resignation from the service some time ago was not generally known by his acquaintances here until after the shooting; it had been said that he would soon come home to spend a "leave of absence."

Berlin, via Sayville, Dec. 18.—The Norwegian steamer Birgit, bound for London with contraband, has been brought into a German port by German warships, according to the Overseas News Agency.

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In fact we do not expect ever to attain perfection, for that is a degree beyond the reach of human beings. But we are striving in that direction and will appreciate any criticism or advice that will tend to improve our system or service.

This beautiful store belongs to the women of Wilmington. Many have expressed their pride in having such a store in the community. The more they co-operate and become acquainted with its every feature, the faster it will evolve and become a better center for the distribution of first class merchandise.

However, we do not seek your patronage upon the grounds of civic pride nor even upon the basis of patriotic duty to assist in the upbuilding of the city where you make your home, but rest our case solely upon the MERIT of our MERCHANDISE. It is only through the actual service that you can test our goods, for goods on the surface look very much alike. Twenty-seven years of merchandising in one of Wilmington's Sister Cities have taught us that the only method of building business is through the featuring of quality goods that give good service long after the price is forgotten. In those twenty-seven years the Bon Marche of Asheville has grown from a small store to be one of the largest distributors of first class merchandise in the South, by adhering strictly to this policy.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1916.

TOP O' THE MORNING.

What a scene of strife, discord and 'est earth must seem to those calm 'ela.—Alexander McLaren.

Most of us make more attempts than we make fortunes.

The narrow man follows a beaten path that leads to nowhere.

Do your Christmas shipping early this week, if you want your package delivered in time.

If money grew on trees some of us would labor under the disadvantage that we can't climb.

The man who minds his own business will soon have one that will require all his attention.

Those who wrangle right on the eve of Christmas are not politic. Santa Claus might go on by.

Peace talk has not reduced the cost of living, but it played smash with the cost of high water stocks.

The high cost of living has received a lot of publicity, but what it needs is a lot of earnest attention by every family and every community.

A girl's father told her that when she picked a husband he should be "a man of parts." Miss Roxie replied in a supercilious manner that she wanted a whole one or none at all.

The Dutch market plan is what the South needs to solve its distribution problem as to farm production. Why discuss marketing problems when Holland settled them two hundred years ago?

Looks as if there are opportunities in shoe factories in the South—especially at the ports. Hides from South America would reach Wilmington first of all ports in America, so a tannery could depend on imported hides till our new livestock industry could take care of our tanneries and shoe factories.

What do those New Yorkers mean by incorporating Billy Sunday? Do they aim at monopolization of the saw dust trail? If Billy is to be managed by a corporation, communities will have to contract for Billy with the corporation on its own terms. First thing you know they will insist on a high tariff on Billy.

Two weeks from today will witness the beginning of a new year. If Wilmington had a campaign mapped out to be carried on "in accordance with the plans and specifications," she could greet 1917 as another twelve months of opportunity capable of giving new impetus to our zeal. A show without a programme is not likely to get an audience.

There is no longer any use for building good roads so they will be bad roads again in three or four years. People who simply think they can build good roads or good streets ought not to be allowed to waste the people's money. Permanent work based upon proper surveys, adequate drainage and skilful construction ought to be placed in the hands of those who know how. Those who only think they can build highways are wasting public funds as fast as the people can provide them with the money they throw away.

The Teutonic proposal for peace and the Entente negative counter to the first move don't amount to anything. Neither is a basis for peace, so it is idle for the belligerents to talk about fighting it out to a finish on their respective lines. Out of a pourparler will come the real basis of a settlement of Europe's conflict. The way has been opened for that and it is a safe bet that the belligerents will come across and become more reasonable on the broad proposition that chosen arbiters will have to state.

AN EXTRAORDINARY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

The fact that the packing house just established at Waycross, Ga., is taxed beyond its slaughter capacity seems to call attention to the extraordinary development of the local packing house industry in the South. Within a few years, something like $10,000,000 has been invested in meat packing establishments. Georgia has established seven plants, at Moultrie, Macon, Atlanta, Augusta, Statesboro, Tifton and Waycross, while Savannah has organized the eighth. There are successful plants at Birmingham and Andalusia and possibly other points in Alabama. Companies have been organized at Orangeburg and Greenville, S. C. Two plants have been established at Jacksonville, Fla., and other Florida points are on the eve of organizing companies. Wilmington has led off in North Carolina but it seems that Raleigh and Wilmington will have a close race as to which North Carolina packing house will be built first. Virginia already has a large establishment at Richmond. At least 15 plants have been established in the South Atlantic and Gulf states within the past two years. The capital stock of these new industries runs from $100,000 to $1,000,000, each.

All plants which have been operated a year or more have been compelled to enlarge. The capitalists everywhere seem to underestimate the ability of the farmers to supply meat animals, especially in the boll weevil section of the Cotton Belt. Waycross hurried into the field with her packing house this fall, and the result there has taken its promoters by surprise. With reference to the experience at Waycross, the Montgomery Advertiser says:

"The Waycross packing plant is crowded with hogs. The management last week "turned down" a shipment of a thousand hogs destined for that plants and for two days, says The Waycross Journal-Herald, the wires have been kept hot by shippers asking the plant there to receive their hogs. The Waycross plant has been in operation for about three weeks. At first many people feared that the plant would not attract enough hogs to keep it in operation on full time. The result has been the reverse. The plant has been working over-time, and now it is sending telegrams to farmers with carload lots of hogs saying that it cannot receive any more grunters for the present. New packing plants will start up in a few days at Macon, Scottsboro and Tifton. It is the hog season, and the few packing plants in this section of the South are very busy."

With only one season's experience, Waycross is already preparing for immediate enlargement. In view of the experience there and the success of all Southern packing houses elsewhere, the Raleigh News and Observer is moved to say that "the information which has come direct to Raleigh, the accounts given in the papers concerning the success of packing plants, are such as to show that the erection of a plant at Raleigh would prove of great material benefit to this city, and to farmers over a large section of North Carolina." Referring to what the Montgomery Advertiser says about the rush on the Waycross packing house, the Raleigh paper says:

"In that editorial there is shown how quickly the farmers took hold of the opportunities offered by a packing plant. That there would be a similar experience in North Carolina we feel sure. As it appears to us this city has right at hand an opportunity to take a long step forward, and if the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce succeeds in the work which it is doing to secure the erection of a packing plant here it will have rendered a service of vast value to this city and section. No effort should be omitted to make the proposed packing plant a reality for Raleigh.

"We do not believe that we are unduly optimistic when we say that we believe that a packing plant in Raleigh would be a success from the very start. This is the prediction made by men who know the practical side of the business and who have knowledge of what has been done by packing plants in other places. We feel that an investment in such an enterprise will yield handsome returns, and at the same time make farming more profitable to all farmers who are in reach of a packing plant in this city."

The Star has contended for years that all that was necessary to make an asset of the livestock adaptabilities of the South was the packing house facilities that would furnish nearby markets. Near markets for both cattle the hogs, especially the latter, mean an economic saving of at least ten per cent. in the better condition of stock going by short haul over that going by long haul to far away markets.

At present some of the Southern railways are offering low freight rates and special stock trains to haul cattle and hogs to far away Western packing houses, but what these railroads people ought to do is to encourage the establishment of packing houses in their own territory. It is an economic mistake to take the raw materials away from where it is produced. Local packing houses would put a stop to it, and not the least economic advantage of a strictly Southern livestock and packing house industry would be the millions of dollars in fertilizers value that would be retained on Southern farms.

Recently a farmer in a creamery zone in South Carolina wrote that his dairy cattle had not only been profitable to him but that he had saved at least 90 per cent. on his fertilizer bills. His land and his dairy cattle enabled him to produce nearly two bales of cotton per acre the past season. The farmers of the South have only begun to realize the true economic value of the livestock industry. No wonder it is having its surprises in its early stages.

THE PAID POLITICAL CHAIRMAN

A new idea sprung lately is that of making a business of politics. One of its merits is that it would remove the political boss as a factor in State and National politics. The great political parties of this country are called organizations yet they can scarcely be called that. They really organize every four years and pick out a president for the country on the shortest kind of notice.

Governor Whitman, of New York, recognizes the fact that the Republican party was not sufficiently organized for the last campaign. It had been disorganized for four years and had to get itself together at Chicago in June, just a few months prior to the election. A national chairman had to be selected and the party organization had to be perfected before a plan of campaign could be adopted and put in to execution. He suggests that parties ought to be organized all the time and that the National State chairman should hold his office permanently, when he is the right sort of man to carry on the business of politics.

The New York governor says the chairmanship of the Republican state committee ought to be a regular job paying a salary of $10,000 a year. A chairman is expected to manage a great party and necessarily he has to be a man of fine business ability as well as being a trained and shrewd political manager. The Richmond Journal suggests that this "would be the manager idea in politics."

Of course, the party would have to pay the salary, but if efficiency and capability are expected, it is the only plan by which trained political managers can be secured. At the same time a campaign manager might prove to be such a crackerjack that a party may want to run him for president. There's National Chairman McCormick, for instance, who has been spoken of as the next Democratic nominee for President.

CAN MEN HAVE PEACE?

Maybe the people of Europe would have lasting peace if there were no Asia and no Africa in which to exploit their conflicting schemes for territorial aggrandizement. Each sees its "national destiny" in gobbling up territory in all the world's continents. Central and South America will be "next" unless the present war cooks the goose of the expansion policy of the nations. That idea got hold of Americans in 1898 and the result of it is an American liability in a lot of Asiatic possessions.

If the world wants peace it will have to curb the greed of the practically few men who want the earth and who make partners of their respective governments in their efforts to put a fence around it.

Shakespeare repeats himself right here: "First glory; then wealth; barbarism at last." Men have been about the same from way back—at least since Jacob worked off his get-rich scheme on Esau with a flim-flam proposition in the shape of a "mess of pottage."

Jacob's greed and Esau's gluttony are called to our attention in a Bible lesson that is passed over with the most negligible attention. Nevertheless, Jacob was a piker compared with some of the modern "captains of industry" who know the pottage game.

So long as governments are in copartnership with cliques with schemes for foreign investment and territorial acquisition propositions, there will be no world peace—not long at a time, anyhow. Will there ever be peace among men?

Nothing in this world is more certain than that the Entente Allies are not going to agree to a set of peace terms proposed by German, and it is not one whit more certain than that the Central Powers are not going to agree to a peace formula submitted by the Allies. Neither side is going to be satisfied with peace terms that are satisfactory to the other side. Unless each side yields a point here and a point there in exchange for a point here and there yielded by the other side, as a compromise of conflicting interests and contentions, then they will have to fight until one side or the other is crushed or exhausted. That might take ten years. We shall see no peace in Europe so long as either side maintains its determination that peace can only be arranged on its own terms.

Just as The Star predicted, the Sunday Charlotte Observer reached Wilmington on schedule time yesterday. Despite the Saturday morning fire which put the Observer establishment out of commission, the Observer was fortunate in having other Charlotte printing establishments to depend upon for getting out an emergency edition. The Charlotte News extended the courtesies of its institution and it enabled the Observer to get out an excellent twenty-page newspaper, lacking little of being the real thing.

REV. R. L. DAVIS SPEAKS

Kinston Prohibition Forces Flock to Hear State Secretary.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 17.—The prohibition forces of Kinston flocked to an interdenominational services in Gordon Street Christian church led by Rev. R. L. Davis, State Anti-Saloon League secretary Mr. Davis spoke on national issue, the attempt to make Washington dry and the need for more effective dry legislation in North Carolina. Practically all denominations in the city were represented in the congregation; a number of churches did not hold services. In the morning Secretary Davis delivered an address in Queen Street Methodist church.

Royal Opens Tonight, 7:30.
Danny Lund's Triangle Girls.—adv't.

CURRENT COMMENT.

New York State's Commissioner of Agriculture says solution of the problem of dear food lies in utilizing the tillable lands now untilled. Only partially so. More important than increasing the area under cultivation is increasing the productiveness of the lands already being cultivated.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

The Wilmington Star gives the members of the coming Legislature notice that they may as well prepare for a renewal of the perennial fish fight, and from what The Star has to say, it is likely that the fight is going to be a little bit warmer and considerably longer-drawn out than at former sessions. The fight over the fishery laws is sectional and the trouble is accentuated by the unwillingness of any county concerned to make concessions of any sort.—Charlotte Observer.

The United States Department of Agriculture appears to have made steady progress in the acquirement of mountain lands for the government forest reserve. A recent report shows that under the Weeks law the acreage purchased during the fiscal year 1916 was more than double that acquired during the preceding year, and more than the total acquired under the act from the date of its passage in 1911 to the end of the fiscal year 1915. The purchases authorized in the North Carolina division embrace 36,386 acres in Boone; 76,050 on Mount Mitchell; 32,302 on Nantahala; 86,700 on Pisgah and 29,839 on Savannah. No purchase has been completed in Boone. Title has been secured to 34,817.66 in the Mount Mitchell district, 31,711.41 in Nantahala; 49,703.75 in Pisgah, and 16,579.18 in Savannah. There has been condemned for actual survey, however, a vast addition to these purchased lands. Ultimately there will be acquired over 11,000 acres on Mount Mitchell, over 1,000 on Nantahala and over 14,000 on Savannah. The sooner this work of forestry purchase by the government is brought to a conclusion the better both for the Government and the state.—Charlotte Observer.

The comment of "Science" in speaking of geologic surveys that North Carolina was the first State in the union to recognize the need of geologic surveys within its borders, recalls the oft-expressed conviction that no state is ahead of North Carolina in the possession of a robust state pride which causes its people to use every reasonable method of trying to conserve and develop its resources. The state has been fortunate in the men who have directed what might be termed its conservation work. The late Dr. Holmes and the present director of the survey, Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, are examples of the energetic and enthusiastic men who have been behind the task of keeping before the people of North Carolina an adequate conception of the magnificent resources of their State, and a corresponding grasp of their duty to husband and develop these resources. North Carolina is a state to be proud of and its deserts have been recognized in the fealty and devotion of men who have sought to keep it in the vanguard of progress.—Raleigh News and Observer.

In North Carolina there is the deepest interest in the North Carolina Societies which in various cities in the country are the means of keeping together the North Carolinians at those places and holding them in closer touch with the folks and the happening "back home." In Baltimore there is a most active organization of North Carolinians, the North Carolina Society of that city having in it former citizens of the state who are animated by a high spirit of loyalty and love for the State of their birth. That society gave its annual dinner on Friday night at the Emerson Hotel, the event one filled with enjoyment to all in attendance. Men of national reputation were among the speakers. The president of the North Carolina Society of Baltimore is Mr. W. H. Parker, and the success of the annual dinner is a tribute to the energy and the ability with which he directs the affairs of the society, the work which he puts into the organization a labor of love. Mr. Parker is a native of Raleigh, where he is always a welcome visitor, and where he has many friends. North Carolinians at home are glad to see that North Carolinians away from home remember the state and hold it in love. The success which has marked the history of the North Carolina Society of Baltimore is a matter of pleasure to our people, and those who know Mr. Parker are delighted with the success the Baltimore organization is meeting with under his administration. What is being done in Baltimore should prove of service in bringing emulation in all places where there are organizations of North Carolinians.—Raleigh News and Observer.

COMPANY "A." OF ENGINEER CORPS, OFF ON PRACTICE TRIP

Will Receive Instruction in Railroad Work on the Santa Fe.

(Special Star Correspondence).

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 17.—Company "A," of the North Carolina Engineer Corps, left Camp Stewart Friday for a week's sojourn on the Santa Fe railroad, where they will be instructed in railroad construction and in the operation of gasoline motor trucsks, things which are very essential in military engineering.

The company has just received the new "pioneer" wagons which house and carry the tools and instruments of the organization, valued at between $40,000 and $50,000. The total equipment of the engineer company, including the riding horses and the team and pack mules, is valued at $80,000.

The North Carolina Engineer companies, "A" Company from Wilmington and "B" Company from Charlotte, together with "C" Company from Pottsville, Pa., form the Provisional Engineer Battalion of the Seventh Division. Capt. Robert S. Thomas, United States Engineer Corps, is in command of the battalion.

The instruction of the engineers embraces not only all of the infantry instruction but military engineering which is closely allied with engineering of civil life. The instruction embraces drawing, map making, blue printing, topographical reconnaissance, lithography both plain and photographic, surveying, range finding, road construction, fortifications, bridge building, carpentry work, photography and black smithing. The handling of high explosives is another feature of this work. The men are divided in section in charge of an officer-instructor, assisted by a sergeant, each group of men taking up the theoretical as well as the practical instruction. By this method of instruction we have trained bodies of men for any emergency that might arise.

The Wilmington boys are all anxious to be at home during the holidays but realizing that they cannot they are taking their lot as good soldiers always do.

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Calomel is poison—it's mercury—it attacks the bones, often causing rheumatism. Calomel is dangerous. It sickens—while my Dodson's Liver Tone is safe, pleasant and harmless. Eat anything afterwards, because it can not salivate. Give it to the children because it doesn't upset the stomach or shock the liver. Take a spoonful tonight and wake up feeling fine and ready for a full day's work.

Get a bottle! Try it! If it doesn't do exactly what I say, tell your dealer to hand your money back. Every druggist and store keeper here knows me and knows of my wonderful discovery of a vegetable medicine that takes the place of dangerous calomel.

IF ALLIES WANT TO KEEP UP THE WAR, TEUTONS ARE READY

Baron Von Freytag-Loringhoven Gives His Views on Situation

Berlin, via London Dec. 17.—"Among the many new phenomenae in this war," writes Lieutenant General Baron Von Freytag-Loringhoven, vice chief of the general staff, in a newspaper article, "the most singular is the intellectual neurosis en masse among our enemies. With a few isolated exceptions their newspapers and statesmen, despite defects and fiascos without number suffered by their forces, speak still of nothing but victory and put forth demands in shrill contrast with their military economic positions."

Referring to Germany's position, Baron von Freytag-Loringhoven continues:

"Our vital force is in no wise exhausted, our armies are growing daily stronger and the technical equipment including munitions are approaching a limit never before reached. If our enemies want to sacrifice new human lives before our lines by a method of warfare which, according to the judgement of a captured officer, cannot be classed as tactics, but human slaughter, our armies will not only not yield but inflict upon them far greater losses than heretofore. If they want further losses of ships our submarines will appear everywhere to inflict them. It was from such grand and proud feeling and consciousness of victorious power that our offer of peace was made from motives of the purest humanity."

TO QUIT BUSINESS.

One of Kinston's Largest Firms to Immediately Liquidate.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 17. — Immediate liquidation of the firm of T. W. Mewborn doing one of the largest business in doing one of the largest businesses in East Carolina and maintaining one of Kinston's largest establishment is announced. The firm is comprised by Mr. Mewborn and J. W. Braxton. In the announcement that they will go out of business, made by the former, no reason is assigned. The business has been making good, according to local newspapers. Mr. Braxton has been inactive for the past year or more, due to ill health. Mewborn & Co. have been in business here nearly 30 years, and own a handsome store and other buildings, dealing in nearly every line of goods.

CAPT. D. M. LEE DEAD

Was Brother of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee and Nephew of Gen. Robert E. Lee

Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 17.—Capt. Daniel M. Lee, brother of the late General Fitzhugh Lee and nephew of General Robert E. Lee, deid here last night at the age of 71 years. He served in the Confederate army.

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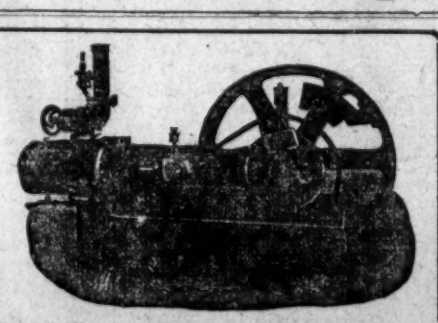

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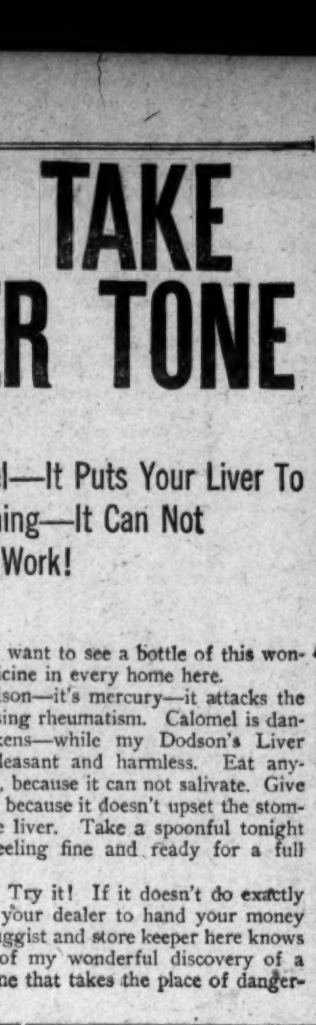

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BUYING CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The Dissertation of A Star Reporter Wherein He Evolves Hitherto Undiscovered Facts

In the creation, after men had been fitted for the successful pursuit of every walk of life, it became apparent that there must be someone to attend to everybody else's business, to air all the choice scandal that happened to be floating about, and to get next to every man's affairs and then tell the world about it. It was thus that the genus, city editor, was created.

Of course, now if the particular specimen of this type that wields the blue pencil on The Star, isn't feeling in a mighty fine humor, this story, or at least the opening paragraph, will be censored, and the world will be robbed of some vital information that is theirs by right.

He may take the view that this is a unsurpation on his own private publicity preserves, and fling it into the waste basket, or he may let the spirit of Christmas overcome his scruples and let it pass. Here is hoping that the latter will be true.

Well, anyhow, as said in the beginning it is his business to find out everybody's business, so he told us to get our head gear off the hook and wander around among the by ways and hedges in the shopping districts and find out what would be suitable for Christmas presents. (Of course, he didn't have any idea of buying everybody what they wanted, but he thought that he would help old Santa out a bit, so the old boy would put an extra plug of tobacco in his own stocking next Sunday night.)

Now we have always heard that charity begins at home, so we thought we would start our investigations around the office, so as to become proficient in dodging missiles before we tried our hands at cross questioning the gentle public on their private desires.

Therefore, we turned to the corner of the local room and popped the question to "Old Sleuth" (We will tell you some time how this individual acquired his sobriquet) He was writing a theatrical criticism, and was busy describing and enumerating everything about the show except the fact that it had the prettiest and most shapely chorus that ever landed in Wilmington, and it took him fully three minutes to answer.

Finally, he half turned and between vicious puffs on a vile smelling pipe that has seen service in three continents during the past two decades he said: "To have a job where I can sleep 18 hours a day, and get one more decent night's rest, before I am too old to enjoy it." We wondered how old a man had to get before he became too old to enjoy a decent night's rest, and resolved that if it was much under half a century, that the sleuth didn't have much more time to spare, and then moved into the next room and tackled "Ichabod Crane," the telegraph editor.

Ichabod paused on page 26 of his daily epistle to ——————, and said: "To have the rent in apartment houses go down, so I can quit spending all my off days traveling 200 miles to"—(censored but it was a certain college town where he once hibernated at a co-ed school.)

We then started back to interview the city editor, but before we could finish our first interrogation. two volumes one on socialism, one on philosophy, and the three latest numbers of "The New Republic" whizzed dangerously close to our dome of thought and we beat a retreat, and sidled up to the cop on the corner at Front and Chestnut.

"And what do you want for Christmas?" We demanded. Now this particular officer was a handsome young fellow, and highly impressionable. He did not hesitate, he just glanced at us, and after seeing who it was, and remembering that we plagued him with questions every day in the week, he consented to remark that he would like to be traffic officer at Front and Princess, during the month of March (with a wink), and added, "You know, there is a good breeze across the river".

Next dropping into a cafe for a cup of coffee, we noticed Mr. Thomas Knight Howler, the proprietor's pet cat, lounging luxuriously under a table, so we sidled up to him, and asked him whether he wanted a rat, or steak for his Christmas. Imagine our surprise when he said "Neither, I want the food inspector to stay away from here" "Why?" we gasped. "Because" purred the feline, "before he took to coming here people couldn't eat much in here, and I got a lot that was left on the plates, but now since he has begun hanging around, I don't get a darned thing but crumbs."

A few minutes later we dropped into a jewelry store, and asked the manager what most of his patrons wanted for Christmas. "For a lady or man" he inquired.

"Both" we replied.

"Well then" he says, "here is a nice diamond ring for only $200, and these wrist watches for only $45 are bargains" "But say" we protested.

"Where did you say send them? he insisted at the same time in an under tone to a clerk," James, the credit directory". But we had fled.

Before we got back to the office, however, we met a kindly old man, who had just completed his shopping tour and when we inquired what he had bought he showed us this list.

"For wife, diamond brooch, mother-in-law, set of furs; daughter, wrist watch; Jack, military brushes; Tommy, gold monogram belt; Aunt Sarah, tabouret; literary friend, "When a Man's A Man"; Billie, aged 7, electric train sister Mary, electric cook stove; various other, friends, neighbors, and acquaintances, a supply of neckties, cigars, tobacco, books, fountain pens, and numerous collections of jewelry".

And now dear reader if you follow this old gentleman's list you can't go far astray.

NEW PASTOR ARRIVES

Rev. J. H. McCracken Preaches Initial Sermon at Fifth Avenue.

Rev. J. H. McCracken, the new pastor of Fifth Avenue Methodist church, arrived in the city Saturday and conducted his first services yesterday and last night. He was greted by large congregations and preached two inspiring sermons.

He will return to Raleigh next week to have his household effects shipped to Wilmington. His family, now visiting in Orange county, will join him in a week or two.

CO-OPERATION WILL CONTINUE

Proposed Schedule For Improved Train Service on Seaboard First to Have Unanimous Approval.

That the business interests represented at the conference at Charlotte Friday with Mr. C. S. Lake, general manager of the Seaboard Air Line, relative to improved passenger train service on this road, will continue their co-operation in the effort to secure ultimately the schedule which was mapped out as a tentative one prior to the meeting, was one of the important developments, according to the Charlotte News. This schedule, says The News, has the distinction of being the first one ever proposed that ever met with the unanimous approval of all the people to whose attention it was brought.

"As to the section of the Seaboard territory lying between Wilmington and Hamlet," says The News, "Mr. Lake said that while he was voicing the sentiments of both himself and the officialdom of the Seaboard in wishing some steps could be taken now to improve the schedule between Wilmington and Hamlet, he would have to go into an investigation to see if the traffic in that section would justify the additional expenditure that would be necessary to put it on.

"Mr. J. G. McCormick, of Wilmington, offered a motion which was seconded by Mr. C. O. Kuester, of Charlotte, to the effect that the business interests represented at the meeting yesterday continue their co-operation in the effort to secure ultimately the schedule which was mapped out as a tentative one prior to the meeting. This schedule has the distinction of being the first one ever proposed that ever met with the unanimous approval of all the people to whose attention it was brought.

"In speaking of the proposal to guarantee a good connection between Hamlet and Monroe so as to meet the south and north bound trains in the main line at Hamlet and to make connection with the trains of the Georgia division that touch at Monroe, Mr. Lake promised that whenever a train was thirty minutes late in arriving at either Hamlet or Monroe an extra train would run between Hamlet and Monroe to make the connections.

"The meeting yesterday afternoon was a very pleasant one to all present. Brief addresses were made by most of those present. Mr. Lake remarked about the representativeness of the body and expressed his pleasure at being afforded the opportunity to meet those present. He assured the meeting that the Seaboard Railway was anxious to do all in its power to be of service to the section represented at the meeting and sought the cooperation of all the interests represented."

THREE A. C. L. EMPLOYES ARE AWARDED PROMOTIONS

Captain W. A. Cole, Mr. R. C. King and Mr. J. A. Holden Are Advanced

The following from the Florence, S. C. Daily Times, of Saturday, will be of interest to Wilmingtonians:

"A recent circular issued by the Coast Line announces the promotion of two of the most popular and efficient of the employees of that big system in Florence. Capt. W. A. Cole, who has been terminal master here for several years, promoted to that post from conductor, and having been faithful and efficient in both places, has been made trainmaster of the Columbia district. He takes the position of Mr. J. A. Sault, transferred.

"Mr. R. C. King, who was brought up in the railroad offices with such men as Capt. G. G. Lynch, has been promoted to the position made vacant my the promotion of Capt. Cole.

"These two very deserving and very esteemed officials of the road and their friends in Florence rejoice to note their advancement in the service and to applaud the Coast Line for the continuation of its wise policy of advancing its efficient men to the positions that offer.

"The friends of Mr. J. A. Holden, one of the most highly esteemed engineers out of Florence, will be interested to know that he has been promoted to an official position as 'fuel instructor' of the first division of the Atlantic Coast Line railway company. We hate that his work takes him away from Florence, as his office is now at Rocky Mount, N. C., but it is thought his office will soon be changed to Florence. We boys hate to give him up as engineer, for it breaks a link in the chain, but we are proud of his promotion and wish for him much success in his new work."

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVE TO MAKE ADDRESS HERE TONIGHT

Joint Meeting of Two Local Councils of Royal Arcanum to be Held.

Mr. Harvey B. Craven, Supreme Representative of the Royal Arcanum for North Carolina, will make an address at a joint meeting of the two local councils of this order in the hall of Carolina Council on Princess street over the Stieff piano house tonight at 8 o'clock. Mr. Craven arrived in the city yesterday and is the guest of Mr. H. E. Bonitz, Grand Secretary of the Royal Arcanum.

All members of the Royal Arcanum are urged to attend the joint meeting, and particularly the senior members as Mr. Craven will explain thoroughly the new options that they can secure. A social hour will be enjoyed by those attending, and a most pleasant occasion is promised all who attend.

Mr. Craven was formerly superintendent of schools in New Bern, but is now living at Ridgecrest in the western part of the state. He is a fine speaker, and the local members of the Arcanum are assured of an entertaining and instructive address.

POPULAR DANCERS RETURN

Miss Tyson Made Hit in Wilmington Six Years Ago.

Wilmington theatre goers will have an opportunity of greeting old acquaintances at the Royal this week, in the persons of Slauson & Tyson, specialty dancers, who will appear in connection with the Triangle Girls. Miss Tyson made quite a hit in Wilmington when she appeared here six years ago. Her feature performance this week will be a toe dance on Wednesday and Thursday.

Dan'l Green Felt Slippers, all colors, Wilmington Shoe Co.
(advertisement.)

THINKS IT TIME TO PREPARE

Mr. R. O. Alexander Cites Bible to Prove Contention That United States Will Be Attacked.

That we are now living in the last days and near the beginning of the millenium is the belief of Mr. R. O. Alexander, a prominent Charlotte business man, who spoke to a large audience in the court house yesterday afternoon. He believes also that the United States will soon become involved in this war and declares that it will be because of the sin that prevails but predicts that this nation will finally be victorious and that the Kingdom of the Most High shall be set up here.

Mr. Alexander based his entire argument on the Bible and held the close attention of his audience for an hour as he with profound earnestness gave an exposition principally of the seventh chapter of Daniel from his viewpoint.

"I am not a prophet nor the son of a prophet and I do not profess to be able to say what will happen," he declared, "but I cite you this Scripture and leave the case with you. It is not what I think about it but what God says. We want to know the truth and I know of no better place to find it than in the Bible."

He opened his argument by citing Scripture to show that we are now living in the last days. By that he stated that he did not mean the end of the world—for he does not think the world will ever come to an end—but to the end of the reign of the devil and of sin. He thinks the Bible plainly shows that this shall be very soon.

"I am a good Scotch-Irish Presbyterian," he said, "as my ancestors have been for a hundred years back. I come to you with this message because I believe it is the truth. I am going over this State proclaiming it because I want my friends to know it. I have an engagement to speak to the business men of Wall Street at an early date and I am going to Washington early in January to speak in a large theatre, which I have rented for the occasion. I am a business man and have to make my living like the rest of you, but I want you to know the truth."

Holding his Bible in his hand, he launched into an exposition of the seventh chapter of Daniel, which tells of four great beasts coming up out of the sea, diverse from one another. The first was like a lion and had eagles' wings and Mr. Alexander explained that this represented England in this war because that country has the lion for its emblem on its flag. The eagles' wings, he thought, referred to the United States, because she has the eagle for her emblem, which has been plucked from England.

The second beast was like to a bear and this Mr. Alexander thought, refers to Russia, which has long been referred to by that token. It was raised to one side and this, said the speaker, referred to a change of position and it was his prediction that Russia now allied with England would later go over to Germany in fulfillment of this prophecy. The third beast was a leopard and this, said the speaker, evidently refers to France, which formerly had a leopard for its emblem.

The fourth beast, terrible and powerful, which had great iron teeth, is Germany, said Mr. Alexander, and this is borne out, he thought, by the fact that this nation has the iron cross as its emblem. This beast devoured to pieces the other beasts and stamped on the residue and Mr. Alexander declared that while his sympathies are with the Allies, he cannot interpret the passage other than to refer to Germany's ultimate victory and believes that the ten horns referred to are the confederation of states that will be established afterwards.

Turning at this point to the book of Ezekiel, Mr. Alexander read from the 27th and the 30th chapters showing how a scourge shall come upon Tyre and Egypt because of their prosperity and also because of sin. The conditions described there are almost identical with those in this country, said the speaker, who pointed out many similarities. He also read from the sixth chapter of Revelations, which pictures conditions in a time of great desolation, as bearing out his contentions.

Coming back to Daniel, he declared that while Europe would attack this country because of our prosperity and also because of sin, she would not be victorious because it is stated that the ancient of days shall sit supreme, stating that this reference is not to a person but to this country which has the oldest form of government in existence—that of a Democratic theocracy, which prevailed in ancient Israel. He predicted that this victory shall mark the end of the age and the setting up of a new era.

"I call on you to repent," said the speaker, "but you will not repent. We are too much in love with the world. There is now no difference between the church and the world. Why, in Charlotte you have to join the church to get into society. Even preachers don't believe the word of God.

"Since this nation will not repent of its sin," he continued, "I think the next best thing we can do is to prepare for this attack that is surely coming. We can build ships, we can manufacture submarines. We are like sheep fattening for the slaughter. We are enjoying our prosperity while millions are going to their death in Europe. Is it reasonable to suppose when they quit fighting over there and find that we have half the gold of the world with untold wealth that they will not be filled with jealousy. Do you suppose that these starving millions, armed to the teeth, will be content to let us continue in our prosperity? I tell you in the light of the Bible I do not believe they will. But we are utterly defenseless and a German ship could take Wilmington in an hour and drive every citizen out of the city. We should wake up."

APPEAL FOR COLORED POOR

United Charities Association Will Be Glad to Receive Donations

Anyone wishes to contribute to the poor will kindly leave their donations at No. 319 Nutt street on phone No. 9 or 1692-J and mesenger will be promptly sent for same.

THOS. A. SMITH,
President United Charities Association.

Paris, via London, Dec. 17.—The government's intention to prohibit the consumption of alcohol in France has aroused strong opposition among the large wine and spirit dealers. As in the case of absynthe, prohibited since 1915, demands are to be made for substantial indemnities if the new measures goes into effect.

OFFERS ITS AID TO STATE

President A. L. Brooks, of Bar Association, Appoints Committee to Help General Assembly.

United States District Attorney J. O. Carr has been appointed by President A. L. Brooks, of the North Carolina Bar Association, as a member of a committee to represent this organization in assisting the General Assembly in enacting legislation in compliance with the four amendments to the Constitution, which were adopted by the people of the State at the last election.

President Brooks in explaining the apparent need for such assistance and the willingness of the Bar Association to help, in yesterday's Greensboro News has the following statement:

"I regard the adoption of the four amendments to our Constitution by the voters of the State at the recent election one of the most important and progressive steps taken in legislative reform in North Carolina in many years. It is an encouraging sign, as it manifests a determination on the part of the people to have a more efficient government and to relieve the legislature from the burden of small matters, and set it free to consider the more important things affecting the welfare of the State. These four amendments to be effective must be interpreted by the next General Assembly through a series of well considered legislative acts. I have been impressed with the fact that nearly everybody seems to be at sea as to just what character of legislation should be enacted to carry out the purposes and intent of these amendments. Realizing that the General Assembly will be heavily taxed with the consideration of many other matters, I called a meeting of the executive committee of the North Carolina Bar Association, with a view of considering ways and means of rendering assistance to the General Assembly, and especially to our brethren of the bar who were members of that body, in the preparation of needed legislation along this line. After carefully going over the matter, the committee thought it advisable to name a special committee of able lawyers, selecting two from the Senate, two from the House, and three from the State at large, to at once take up this work, with a view of making recommendations to the incoming General Assembly, and also of aiding them in the preparation of proper bills. Carrying out this idea, I, as president of the association, have appointed the following committee: Senators Scales, of Greensboro, and Matt Allen, of Goldsboro; Representatives Gallatin Roberts, of Asheville, and J. E. Pegram, of Durham. From the bar at large I have appointed A. T. Grant, Jr., Mocksville; E. T. Cansler, of Charlotte; J. O. Carr, of Wilmington, and W. S. Wilson, acting secretary, of Raleigh. It will be observed that these gentlemen have been selected not only on account of their ability, but because they are representative of the various sections of the State, and are loyal and interested members of the State Bar Association. The newly elected attorney general, Judge Manning, has signified his willingness to co-operate with this committee in an effort to render substantial service to the members of the General Assembly in the consideration and preparation of the necessary bills.

"The importance of this work will be seen at once, when it is recalled that 'the General Assembly shall provide by general laws for the charter and organization of all corporations, and for amending, extending and forfeiture of all charters (except certain eleemosynary institutions),' and further declares 'it shall be the duty of the Legislature to provide by general laws for the organization of cities, towns and incorporated villages, and to restrict their power of taxation assessment, borrowing money, contracting debts and loaning their credit, so as to prevent abuses in assessment and in contracting debts by such municipal corporations.'

"Another of the amendments provides for the appointment of emergency judges, and the other requires the enactment of a general law that will serve as a complete substitute for the means now employed to secure local, private or special acts and resolutions.

"North Carolina has one of the largest State Bar Associations in the Union, more than 700 lawyers being sustaining members of it. I know of no finer service that the association has had the opportunity of rendering than that now presented for an unselfish effort on the part of the lawyers of the State to aid their brethren who have been elected members of the General Assembly, and the laymen of that body as well, in the preparation and drafting of wise, well-considered and effective legislation to carry out the will of the people, as expressed in these constitutional amendments.

"The State Bar Association at its last annual session at Wrightsville recommended the passage by the next General Assembly of a number of very important bills, among others, the workmen's compensation act. I have appointed as a special committee of the Bar Association to present recommendations to the General Assembly the following prominent lawyers of the State: Harry Skinner, J. C. Buxton, Thomas W. Davis, W. W. Kitchin and A. W. McLean.

"In my opinion, the true test of an individual's or a profession's right to exist in a community is his or its willingness to serve th eentire public. We have many crudely drawn and defective laws on the statute books in North Carolina, and there is much needed legislation which the people of the State have already approved and demanded, but which has not been written into law. The State Bar Association wishes to offer the services of its most distinguished members to the law-making department of the State in a conscientious effort to help the frame wise laws, which shall honestly carry out the will of the people of the State. The association has no favors to ask of the General Assembly, but does wish to vie with them in a willingness to serve the cause of good government, promote better laws, and facilitate the administration of justice."

FUNERAL OF MR. PYKE

Will be Conducted From St. Philip's Church at Southport Today.

The funeral of Mr. William H. Pyke, who died at Southport Friday, will be conducted from St. Philip's Episcopal church at Southport, upon the arrival of the boat from Wilmington today. The services will be conducted by Rev. R. E. Gribben, rector of St. John's Episcopal church, of Wilmington. Interment will be made at Fort Wayne, Ind.

Royal Opens Tonight 7:30.
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THE GRAND HIGHWAY OF LIFE

Dr. John Jeter Hurt Preaches Forceful Sermon to Railway Brotherhoods At First Baptist

"So run that ye may win", a clause from First Corinthians 9:24; was the appropriate text for a strong and forceful sermon by Dr. John Jeter Hurt at the First Baptist church yesterday morning to the members of the railway brotherhoods of Wilmington, who attended the service in a body. There were more than 50 members of the brotherhoods including conductors, engineers and trainmen.

"The Grand Highway of Life" was the subject chosen and the minister brought out in a very clear and striking way the fact that there is a schedule for every human life, which is made in the heavenly headquarters and that the orders show in detail how we should live our lives.

Clearness of spiritual vision was pointed out as the first essential for a successful life and steadfastness of purpose was also emphasized as an important element. Obedience to the heavenly orders was the third essential given by the minister.

Dr. Hurt leaves this morning for Richmond, Va., where he will visit his father, and from there will go to Washington, D. C., on business in connection with the once-a-month meetings for men, which are to be inaugurated the first of the year. He will return via Raleigh, where on Thursday he will attend a meeting of the State Mission board of the North Carolina Baptist Convention, of which he is a member. He will return to Wilmington Friday morning.

London, Dec. 17.—Lloyd's announces the sinking of the Danish steamer Michael Ontchoukoff, 2,118 tons, and the British schooner Constance Mary, 176 tons.

AMERICAN SCHOONER ABANDONED

Three of Crew of the Marcus L. Urann Landed—Other Drowned.

London, Dec. 17.—The American schooner Marcus L. Urann has been abandoned in a water logged condition, according to a dispatch from St. Michaels, Azores, to Lloyd's. The dispatch adds that three of the crew have been landed at St. Michaels, the remainder were drowned.

The Marcus L. Urann, a 5-masted schoner of 1,599 tons, gross registry, was built in 1904. Latest maritime records show the vessel sailed from Port St. Joe, Fla., for Naples, previous to November.

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BELK-WILLIAMS COMP'Y

SOCIAL

Mrs. J. R. Williams and two children, of Mullins, S. C., are the guests of Mr. W. B. Cooper and Mr. Thomas E. Cooper.

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Mrs. Hal V. Worth and children, of Raleigh, are expected to arrive in the city today to spend Christmas with relatives.

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Mrs. E. F. Mallard, of Shallotte, passed through the city yesterday en route to Faison where she will spend the holidays with Mr. Mallard's mother. She was a guest of The Orton while in the city.

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Many Wilmingtonians will be interested to learn of the marriage of Miss Callie Perry, formerly of this city, to Mr. Bernice Atkins, formerly of Rosindale, which took place at Hickory on Thanksgiving Day.

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The Christian Endeavor Society of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church cordially invites all the young people of the city to attend an auction sale social to be given tonight at 8:30 o'clock. Each person is asked to bring a small toy.

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The regular monthly meeting of Cape Fear Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will be held at the W. L. I. armory Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. All members are requested to be present as important matters are to receive attention.

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Yesterday's Charlotte News: "Miss Mary Alexander, Miss Helen Lutz and Miss Margaret Stevens arrived home last night from Converse College for the holidays. Miss Alexander goes to Wilmington Monday morning to join her mother, Mrs. F. D. Alexander, who is with her father, Mr. A. D. Brown. Mrs. Alexander will remain with her father indefinitely. Miss Alexander returns to Charlotte shortly after Christmas."

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Total of Over 2,700 Reported by Different Churches Yesterday.

While not all Sunday schools in the city made reports of their attendance yesterday, those that did showed a total of 2,737. The Baptist reported a total of 901 while the Presbterians were a close second with 883. The totals for the churches reporting were:

Presbyterian:		
First church	215	
St. Andrew's	201	
Immanuel	264	
Delgado	158	
Pearsall Memorial	45	883
Baptists:		
First church	385	
Calvary	160	
Delgado	167	
Southside	189	901
Lutheran:		
St. Paul's church		244
Christian:		
Dock Street		64
Episcopal:		
Good Shepherd		236
Methodist:		
Grace church	265	
Bladen Street	144	409
Grand total		2,337

AGED COUPLE MURDERED.

Money Which They Had Hoarded in Their Home is Missing.

Peoria, Ills., Dec. 17. — Mr. and Mrs. John P. Becker, 85 and 83 years old, respectively, were found murdered today at their home near Mason City, Ill. The couple had been shot to death and their home riddled with bullets. Bloodhounds are on the trail of the slayers.

The couple are reported to have hoarded their money since the failure of a Peoria bank several years ago, and this money, together with $3,000 rents received recently, is missing.

SERMON TO KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure Preached to Plantagenet Commandery at St. Andrew's Church

Basing his theme on the Biblical admonition: "Fight ye the good fight," Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure preached the annual sermon to the Plantagenet Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church yesterday morning.

The Plantagenet Commandery marched from the Masonic Temple on North Front street to the church in full dress regalia, and presented a fine spectacle as they moved through the streets with their flowing plumes and gleaming swords.

Dr. McClure began his sermon with a brief review of the origin of the celebrated order, and told how centuries ago a band of true-hearted Christian men united to rid the highways of many of the dangers that threatened unwary travelers. Their work, declared Dr. McClure, led many other earnest Christians to join their ranks, and soon made it necessary to have some kind of central organization. This, said the speaker, was the founding of the order of the Knights Templar.

As their numbers steadily grew, continued Dr. McClure, the Templars gained in power, until they became a factor of such influence and power, that even the heads of mighty nations learned their will before taking any decisive steps in international matters.

High on the roll of honor as guardians of the Holy Sepulchre, against the ravages of the Saracens, the names of the Knights Templar is written, declared Dr. McClure. At length Pope Clement, by means of secret conferences managed to rid the world temporarily of this great organization, but they were later reborn in the ranks of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the speaker pointed out.

The Templars, Dr. McClure pointed out, are the Christian division of the noble order of Masonry. He further declared that when in a church they were in their rightful place, as the religious representatives of their lodge.

Getting down to the sermon proper, Dr. McClure pointed out that the fight in the text had a different meaning from the one generally associated with it in everyday life. It did not mean, he declared, to go out like soldiers on a battlefield, and fight in that manner, but rather to fight in different way than by physical violence until the enenemies of the Lord were conquered.

This, said the speaker, is the battle that lay before the modern Knights Templar, instead of protecting the highways, as did their predecessors, centuries ago. The fight of the Knights of today is to rid the world, as far as possible, of the dangers of sin that today besets the path of the unwary.

WEATHER HALTS EFFORTS TO REFLOAT TRANSPORT SUMNER

Vessel Has Sprung Leak and is in Worse Condition Than Before.

New York, Dec. 17.—Efforts to float the United States transport Sumner, which went aground off Barnegat, N. J., last Monday night, were temporarily abandoned tonight by order of the War Department. Colonel John M. Carson, Jr., in charge of the Army quartermaster depot in New York, said, however, that the attempt would be renewed as soon as the weather permits.

The Sumner, according to Colonel Carson, has sprung a leak and is in a much worse position than at any time since she grounded. As soon as the high winds and seas abate, according to Colonel Carson, efforts will be made to salvage whatever is found to be intact on the Sumner, and if possible to save the vessel itself. The men of the Sumner's crew who had remained aboard were brought here last night.

REWARD OFFERED FOR THIEVES

Mr. R. Renik Will Pay for Appreension of Thieves Who Entered His Store Early Yesterday.

The city bloodhounds under the care of Policeman B. W. Jacobs, had another trial run yesterday morning when Mr. A. Renik, a merchant at Fifth and Nixon streets, notified the police that his store had been entered during the night, and a quantity of goods removed.

The officer and dogs went to the scene but failed to find any trace of the nocturnal marauders. The thieves effected an entrance by smashing through the iron bars on a rear window. Their booty consisted of 900 cigarette coupons, an automatic pistol, a quantity of candies, a five dollar gold piece that had been left overnight in the cash register and several suits of woolen underwear and overalls. The amateur cracksmen attempted to get in the safe to make away with the remainder of the cash supply but found it too tough a proposition.

Mr. Renik stated yesterday afternoon that he would give a reward of $15 for the apprehension of the thieves. Heds under the impression that they were boys, as his store has been robbed by youngsters in the past.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The police received a report Saturday to the effect that over 10,000 cigarette coupons had been stolen from Bellamy's Drug store at Front and Market streets.

—Some twenty local agents of the Virginia Life Insurance Company were the guests of Manager B. T. Hopkins at an oyster roast at Lumina Saturday afternoon.

—A clever window arrangement is shown in the Washinton Candy Store on North Fourth street, in which America is represented by Washington and Wilson looking down on the land of liberty, peace and prosperity and on the other side Europe is represented in the throes of an awful conflict, picturing a battlefield strewn with dead and wounded and battleships sinking under the fire of submarines and "4" guns. Much favorable comment was heard on the originality shown by Mr. P. Patelos, proprietor of the establishment.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Among the arrivals at The Wilmington yesterday were: L. C. Hall, Kerr; W. C. Willett, New Bern; F. Allen, Raleigh.

—Among those who passed through Wilmington yesterday en route to Whiteville to attend court were: Rodolph Duffy, Esq., Catherine Lake; Judge George W. Connor, Wilson, and Sheriff-elect E. H. Walton, Jacksonville. They were registered at The Orton while in Wilmington. Other Tar Heel arrivals at The Orton were: R. O. Alexander, Charlotte; P. Lennon, Chadbourn; S. T. Russell, Lumberton; L. V. Best, Warsaw.

FUNERAL OF MR. LOCKAMY IS HELD AT FAYETTEVILLE

Services Conducted by Rev. J. T. Gibbs in Hay Street Church.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 17.—The funeral of W. C. Lockamy, of Wilmington, formerly of this city, who died in a Pullman car at Rocky Mount early yesterday morning while on his way to Philadelphia for an operation, was held from the Hay Street Methodist church here at 11 o'clock this morning. The services were conducted by Presiding Elder J. T. Gibbs and were attended by many friends who knew Mr. Lockamy when he lived here, as well as the local lodges of Masons and Knights of Pythias. Mr. Lockamy was formerly a conductor on the C. F. & Y. V. and Atlantic Coast Line systems. He is survived by a wife, who was Miss Overby, of this city, and one son, B. R. Lockamy.

WOMAN AND SON DROWN WHEN CAR PLUNGES INTO RIVER

Six Others Injured in Accident Between Jacksonville and Fernandina, Fla.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 17. — Mrs. Oscar E. Hartley, of Jacksonville, and her four-year-old son were drowned, and six other persons were bruised late today when an automobile plunged through an open draw at Amelia river, between Jacksonville and Fernandina, and tumbled twenty feet to the water. Mrs. Hartley and her son were pinned under the car. The strong current carried some of the others, including a four months old baby, 400 yards down stream, before they were rescued. The automobile was being driven by the husband of the dead woman.

LEAKING VESSEL TOWED IN.

Schooner Edwin R. Kirk, With Anchors Gone, Reaches Norfolk.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 17. — Leaking badly, with both anchors gone and all forward sails swept away, the schooner Edwin R. Kirk was today brought into Hampton Roads by the coast guard cutter Yamacraw, and later docked at a Norfolk ship yard.

Answering calls of distress, the Yamacraw reached the deserted schooner at daybreak this morning, 20 miles south of Cape Henry.

The ship was rapidly being swept on the beach, and would have been aground in another hour, is the opinion of her commander and crew. The storm having abated, the Yamacraw had no trouble in bringing the Kirk into port.

The schooner was bound from New York to York river, light, and ran into the storm Friday night. She was disabled off Cape Charles light and was swept southward by the northeaster.

MISS PANKHURST MOBBED

Attempted Peace Demonstration In London—Taken to Prison

London, Dec. 17. —A Sylvia Pankhurst, the militant suffragette, and a number of sympathizers "endeavored to hold a demonstration" at the East India dock gates this afternoon to demand peace. A big crowd mobbed the speaker and the police rushed Miss Pankhurst and her friends to the police station followed by a demonstrative crowd. The prisoners were held under bail for examination.

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 17.—The coast guard cutter Tampa left here today in answer to wireless dispatches saying an unknown barkentine was on the rocks northeast of the New river inlet.

Royal Opens Tonight, 7:30.
Danny Lund's Triangle Girls.—adv't

NEW CUTTER FOR BEAUFORT

Additional Vessel Would Relieve Seminole of Much Service in Vicinity of Cape Hatteras

A bill has been submitted to the present Congress with the favorable recommendation of the committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and also of the Treasury Department providing for the construction of three coast guard cutters to be stationed at Beaufort, N. C., Detroit, Mich., and Honolulu, Hawaii. In connection with the report, according to the Raleigh News and Observer, then acting Secretary of the Treasury Byron R. Newton wrote the following letter:

"New cutters are to be stationed at Detroit, Honolulu and Beaufort.

"The vicinity of Cape Hatteras is, as is well known, one of the most dangerous localities in American waters and annually a great many vessels meet disaster there. It might well be termed the 'Birthplace of Derelicts,' as years of experience in the destruction of derelicts have shown that a majority of them originate within a radius of severe gales there are sometimes from five to ten mishaps to passing vessels within a brief space of time. Calls for help are sent out broadcast but cannot be answered, sometimes not at all, as the only available cutters in this vicinity are the Yamacraw, with headquarters at Norfolk, Va., and the Seminole, stationed at Wilmington. At such times both of these vessels have much more assistance work near their headquarters than they can attend to, and there is urgent need of another vessel in the vicinity of Cape Hatteras. It is, therefore, recommended that a new cutter be authorized for duty in these waters, with headquarters at Beaufort, which is the nearest available port to Cape Hatteras. From that place prompt assistance can be rendered to vessels in distress, and derelicts can be more readily located and destroyed. The original estimate for this vessel was $350,000, but from conditions which have developed since that estimate was mace, it is now apparent that the sum of $450,000 is needed.

"As I have stated in previous communications to your committee, it is highly important that the equipment of the coast guard be kept up to the top notch of efficiency in order that its work may be performed in the manner expected by Congress and the public. From 1905 to 1915 there were but 11 new cutters provided for the Coast Guard. At least two new vessels per annum are urgently necessary to keep the existing fleet in proper condition. The new vessels authorized the last session of Congress will, when completed, fortify three of the weak points in the fleet. The three new vessels proposed in the bill pending before your committee will still further aid in maintaining the efficiency of the fleet of coast guard cutters which as you know, annually performs heroic and humanitarian work in the saving of life and property.

"All of the new vessels authorized, while necessary for the routine work of the Coast Guard in times of peace, will be so constructed as to be of value to the Navy in time of war, for the law provides that they must immediately, upon the outbreak of hostilities, becom a part of the naval forces. The plans of the two principal cutters authorized at the last session were submitted to the Navy Department and the suggestions of that department are being followed out in making the designs to comply with the needs of the Navy. Therefore, in addition to their humanitarion functions, these vessels are a decided asset in the matter of national preparedness.

"The bill as drawn meets my hearty approval, with the exception that the limit of cost should be increased from $1,100,000 proposed by the bill to $1,350,000, as explained in detail herein."

SEVEN CARS DERAILED.

New York-New Orleans Limited Wrecked Near Fairburn, Ga.

Atlanta, Ga., December 17. — The New York-New Orleans limited train Fairburn, Ga., while running on the Atwas partly derailed half a mile east of lanta and West Point railroad, about 10:30 o'clock tonight. Reports here were that no one had been killed, although several persons were slightly injured. Seven sleeping cars are said to have left the track, some of them turning over.

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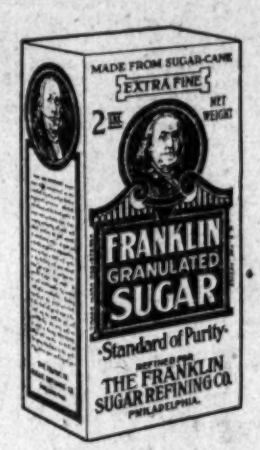

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

CLEWS' BUSINESS REVIEW

Peace Proposal Causes Reaction in the Stocks—American Prosperity Independent—Money Improved

(Special Star Correspondence)

New York, Dec. 17.—I doubt very much if President Wilson will take part in a peace proposition at this time without its being in accord with both sides. As a neutral nation it is obvious and almost mandatory that that should be his attitude, hence the President is likely to wait before taking any serious action in the matter. The position that is taken by the Allies will doubtless decide the President's action. We must not expect any pronounced position meanwhile. The Teuton peace proposal, from appearances, is evidently largely for home consumption and not for the general acceptation of the Allies, nevertheless it affords meat for thought; it may lead to counter-proposals and in that case final conclusions may bring about fruitful results, especially as all nations and all peoples thereof desire peace and the stopping of the greatest brutality in warfare that the world has ever experienced. It is to be hoped therefore that the peace proposal may start a propaganda that will result in definitely and permanently stopping the war. A peace movement has to be started between the warring nations some time or other and it is to be hoped that this is a sincere intention in that direction now by Germany and that permanent peace will finally grow out of it at an early date. But there is yet cause for doubt that the Allies will favorably consider it at this juncture.

Peace proposals from Berlin caused a severe reaction in the stock market, especially in shares which had benefited by the war. The announcement came upon a market already weakened by over-buying making the fall all the more precipitate. A temporary recovery followed, after which the market became demoralized. Just what would happen marketwise in event of an early peace is somewhat difficult to positively anticipate. If hostilities were suspended, armies would certainly not be disbanded until peace terms were actually signed by all the belligerents, a conclusion that may demand months for accomplishment. During such a period war orders might continue, though possibly on a diminished scale.

Peace or no peace, Great Britain will in future buy less munitions here than formerly because she is now prepared to produce in full for herself and in part for her Allies, especially with the forthcoming assistance from Canada. When peace does come, Europe will continue to buy steel here in large quantities for constructive instead of destructive purposes. Europe will also buy our copper, our oil and other raw materials in large quantities in order to fill the voids which now exist, also to start present idle industries. Exports of cotton alone will go far towards offsetting the loss of munition shipments. Moreover, this country is not as dependent upon munition orders for prosperity as it was two years ago. We have gotten a prosperity and a momentum entirely our own.

We are enjoying an activity derived very largely from self-development. Inflation has enormously stimulated home industry, and while war profits have undoubtedly been the prime cause of this inflation, still the increased consumption of many commodities and luxuries in the United States can be attributed to home prosperity. Even our export trade is less dependent than formerly upon munition orders, which now constitute less than half of the increase and little more than one-third of our total exports. Peace, when it does come, will also bring another beneficial offset in a revival of imports, the lack of which has so profoundly deranged our foreign trade. Peace will hasten a general return to normal conditions in other respects, and it would be unsafe to assume that to end the war will be injurious to business simply because certain industries which have been enriched by the world's misery must readjust themselves to a peace footing.

Though peace is not yet in sight, it is highly important to recognize the changed attitude of Germany. It is the vital factor in the whole situation. The Central Powers have not won any of the great objects for which they started, yet they have achieved remarkable military successes and displayed a marvellous power of resistance to the Allies, which the latter will have to take into consideration. Germany may never have a more opportune time for making peace. Both Germany and the Allies should be allowed to definitely state their position, so that the world may learn how far apart they are and what basis remains for mediation. In all probability the views of both sides may prove so widely conflicting as to make any serious peace movement at this time impossible. Nevertheless, the movement is one to which the dictates of humanity should give every possible encouragement, and avert if possible a continuance of the war with even greater savagery than now.

The most difficult problem to be encountered to effect a permanent peace settlement will be with the Balkan nations.

So far as the stock market is concerned, a new stage has probably been reached, namely, the beginning of readjustment of affairs to a peace basis. The demobilization of the great armies on both sides may be a long way off; yet worldwide exhaustion means that the forces of destruction are on the wane and that the dawn of the new era is close at hand. While the world's financial markets performed strange deeds when the war began, it is not to be supposed that those same things will be undone when the end draws near, nor that conditions existing in July, 1913, will be in any degree restored.

That there will be extensive readjustments to the new conditions goes without saying. There should be no cause for panic; more time will be given for action; diplomats will supersede generals; news will be more encouraging, and hope will cast out fear. Such changes in fundamental conditions must be reflected in values. Munition shares will of course be adversely affected, though it should be remembered that many of these have taken precautionary measures to meet all such contingencies. Industrials which have been unduly inflated must lead reaction; and yet these may suffer quite as much from increased expenses as from loss of war orders. Commodity prices have been pushed to such dizzy heights as to compel economy among nearly all classes of consumers. These high prices spelled extraordinary prosperity for the grower and the miner, not to speak of organized labor, but they also meant extra hazards for manufacturers and distributors, many of whom stocked up more freely than usual to protect themselves from scarcity and high prices.

Our whole machinery of production and distribution has been thrown violently out of gear by the European cataclysm, and a temporary slowing down for the purpose of establishing a better balance will tend to really prolong present activity and facilitate a more equitable distribution of the proceeds. Our prosperity touched high water mark a month ago; profits were then at their zenith and the evening-up, or more properly speaking the evening-down process, has already made considerable progress.

Speculation had been carried to an almost dangerous level and the restraint imposed by higher money rates proved timely and beneficial. Caution has been advised for several weeks past, and the technical condition of the market will undoubtedly be improved by the heavy liquidation of the last few days. The monetary situation has improved owing to the contraction in loans and renewed gold imports, which have reached nearly $80,000,000 for this month and almost $600,000,000 this year. On Friday there was a rally following the severe break of Thursday, with the indication that the worst of the shock had spent its force, hence a still higher range is a natural sequence.

HENRY CLEWS.

MARINE.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.), 3,388 tons, Holtasch, Heide & Co.

Str Kiel (Ger.), 2,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Dec. 16 by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 17.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nominal.

ROSIN—Nominal.

TAR—Nominal.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Nominal.

and $3.90.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 52¼c; rosni, $5.05 and $5.95; tar, $2.30-9c; crude turpentine, $3.50, $3.50, $2.50.

RECEIPTS:

Spirits Turpentine 9
Rosin 37
Tar 97
Crude Turpentine ... ... (—)

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, (—) casks; rosin, 106 barrels; tar, 240 barrels; crude turpentine, 4 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—18c.; same day last year, nominal.

Receipts—15? bales; same day last year, 250 bales.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 71,319 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 132,560 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 17.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, new, 50c to 55c. bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$1.40 to $1.50 per bu.

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.

PORK—Small, 10c. to 12c. per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 20 to 23½; first class wool, 28 to 35; highest grade, washed wool, 38c.

SHEEP—Old, good quality, gross, 3 1-2 to 3c pound. Lambs, best quality, 6 to 7c pound.

HIDES—Green salt, 15c. to 16c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Od hams, 23 to 25c.; sides and shoulders, 18c. to 19c. per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX — Firm, 28c. per pound; good demand.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 20c. to 22½c. on foot; dressed, 25c. to 27½c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c to 50c; spring, 20c to 25c head.

EGGS—35c. to 36c. dozen.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 17. — North Carolina peanuts; new crop, farmers' stock, fancy handpicked, $1.07; No. 1, machine, $1.00 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 66c; fancy handpicked, 60c; No. 1 machine picked, 55c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.25; Jumbos, $1.20 per bushel.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 17.—Spanish — Farmers' stock: Market, weak. New stock, $1.30 per bu.

Virginias — Farmers' stock: Market steady.

New stock—Fancy Jumbo, 4 1-4c per lb.; Extra Prime, 3 3-4c per lb; Prime, 3 1-2c per lb; Shelling stock, 3c to 3 1-4c per lb.

TALKS ABOUT INSURANCE

Mr. Craven Tells Why Rates of Royal Arcanum Insurance Have Advanced

(Special Star Correspondence).

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 17.—Mr. H. B. Craven, supreme representative of the Royal Arcanum lodges in this State and who has been in New Bern for the past few days, left yesterday afternoon for Wilmington, where he will spend a short while before returning to his home at Ridgecrest.

The object of Mr. Craven's visit to the eastern part of the State was to explain to the members of the Royal Arcanum lodge the recent increase in the insurance rates in this order.

His talk on this subject not only proved interesting but showed the members that it was necessary that this action be taken if the insurance department was to be continued and after his address, those members who had become disgruntled, declared that there was no other action that could have been taken.

Deep Run, N. C., Dec. 17.—Mrs. T. A. Murvin, who was accidentally shot by an 11-year-old brother here last Thursday night, has no chance to live, according to her physician. Mrs. Murvin suffered several severe hemorrhages following the accident, and her condition is desperate.

PEACE TALK UPSETS STOCKS

Market Had Grown "Stale" and Needed Drastic Readjustments in View of Disinterested Parties.

New York, Dec. 17.—The radical downward revision of market quotations which accompanied last week's enormous selling movements derived its chief impetus from Germany's unexpected peace proposals but seemed inevitable, apart from foreign or domestic political developments. In the judgment of disinterested observers, the market had grown "stale" and required drastic readjustment.

Prices re-bounded 5 to 10 points and even more in the latter part of the week, when advices from abroad threw a damper on the prospects of an early settlement or truce. Bankers with European connections were inclined to extreme reserve, pending the outcome of next week's promised discussion of Grmany's overtures by the British government.

There was much conjecture dealing with this country's economic condition after the war, but opinion in high financial circles was that the demands of peace would fully offset those occasioned by the titanic struggle still raging.

All branches of the foreign exchange were strenthened by the news from abroad, particularly rates to the Teutonic countries, but the movement was sentimental, rather than actual.

International war bonds also hardened perceptibly, with an increased inquiry for the loans issued by Great Britain.

The strength of railway issues, even when the balance of the list was tottering, indicated steady accummulation of those shares from investment quarters. The cheaper issues rose 3 to 5 points, Southern and Southwestern lines being most favored.

Monetary conditions were relatively easy, at no time approaching the high rates of the previous fortnight. The overhauling of the stock market is expected to make for a further reduction of loans. Excessive reserves of local banks which were at low ebb a few weeks, ago have increased substantially.

Industrial and mercantile conditions were unaffected by the change wrought in prices of securities. Steel and Iron mills are booking orders into 1918 and holiday trade, almost without exception far exceeds any previous year in the country's history.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

Widest Price Changes of Recent Years —Net Loss of 65 to 72 Points

New Orlans, Dec. 17.—The widest price changes in recent years were registered in the local cotton market last week with the most violent fluctuation on Monday, following the government's estimate of the crop of11,-511,000 bales. Trading months at one time were down for a net loss of 132 to 161 points and the January position stood almost four cents a pound, or $20 a bale under the highest level of the season. From the highest to the lowest, Monday there was a fall of 129 to 151 points. The market was unsettled during the remainder of the week, but made some show of recovery, closing at a net loss for the week of 65 to 72 points.

Late in the week the market was helped by the Census Bureau figures, showing consumption by mills in this country during November of 649,073 bales of cotton and linters against 622,057 in October and 596,912 in November last year. While few looked for such a large crop estimate from the government, still not many expected consumption during November to exceed that of October.

Both breaks and bulges resulted following the peace proposals by Germany, but the market was lifted, rather than depressed, by the peace talk, although it caused a feeling of great uncertainty.

This week peace news will be eagerly looked for and the general idea appears to be that the market will be unsettled until the situation is more definitely shaped.

Trading will be affected more or less by the holidays and probably most traders will refrain fro mlarge operations. The census bureau Wednesday will issue a report on cotton ginned to December 13, but it is not generally thought it will contain anything not already discounted.

APPOINTED NAVY CHAPLAIN.

Rev. B. F. Huske, of New Bern, Gets Commission From Secretary Daniels.

(Special Star Correspondence).

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 17.—Friends all over the State will be interested in learning that Rev. B. F. Huske, rector of Christ Episcopal church, this city, has been commissioned as chaplain in the United States Navy. Mr. Huske received his commission today from Secretary Josephus Daniels.

Mr. Huske has been pastor of Christ Episcopal church for several years, coming to New Bern from Greenville where he had served for about two years.

He is one of the most beloved rectors in East Carolina and numbers his friends by the legion.

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MASONIC TEMPLE.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 18, 1916.

Meteorological data for the day ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 41 degrees; at 8 P. M., 49 degrees; maximum, 56 degrees; minimum, 36 degrees; mean, 46 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the month to date, .74 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M. Saturday, 6.8 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina: Increasing cloudiness Monday followed by rain. Tuesday fair, colder.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 18, 1916.

Sun rises ... ... 7:12 A. M.
Sun sets ... ... 5:06 P. M.
Day's length ... ... 9 hrs. 54 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	4:02	4:16	11:23	11:47
Southport	1:27	1:41	8:05	8:25
Masonboro Inl	1:16	1:30	7:45	8:05

WHATHER BUREAU REPORTS

December 17, 1916.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 7 P.M.
Abilene	clear	63	—	.0
Asheville	clear	42	34	.0
Atlanta	clear	52	34	.0
Augusta	clear	58	38	.0
Baltimore	clear	34	—	.0
Birmingh	pt cldy	54	36	.0
Boston	clear	28	—	.0
Charleston	clear	58	38	.0
Charlotte	clear	52	34	.0
Chicago	clear	22	—	.0
Galveston	clear	68	58	.0
Jacksonv	pt cldy	64	40	.0
Memphis	cldy	48	—	.0
Mobile	cldy	54	44	.08
Montgom'y	rain	56	40	.08
New Orl.	cldy	62	50	.02
New York	clear	30	—	.0
Oklahoma	clear	48	—	.0
Palestine	clear	72	46	.0
Pittsburg	snow	26	—	.02
Raleigh	clear	52	32	.0
Savannah	clear	60	38	.0
Shreveport	clear	66	—	.0
St. Louis	cldy	38	—	.0
Wash'n	pt cldy	40	—	.0

MODEL MEDICAL INSPECTION.

System in Force in Kinston Schools is Praised by State Board.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 17. — Kinston has the model school medical inspection service in North Carolina, according to Superintendent K. R. Curtis. It has been in effect only a few weeks. Mr. Curtis says the State Board frankly states that it is looking to the Kinston system to "solve the problem" of medical inspection of school children in the state.

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DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 90 3:40 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday.
No. 51 5:30 A. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily.
No. 64 5:15 A. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65 6:15 P. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.
No. 48 8:00 A. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.**	*No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily.
No. 53 8:45 A. M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52 8:00 P. M. Daily.
No. 62 3:05 P. M. Daily.	Jacksonville, New Bern and intermediate stations.	No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily.
No. 55 3:45 P. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia,** which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M.	No. 54 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59 6:30 P. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60 10:15 A. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.
No. 42 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4 1916.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

WEEK DAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "Electric Center" for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Center" for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Center" for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	.....	6:15 A.M.	6:26 A.M.
6:50 A.M.	6:50 A.M.	.....	.....	7:20 A.M.	7:31 A.M.
8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	.....	7:40 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	8:01 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	.....	8:30 A.M.	8:41 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:25 A.M.	9:36 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:10 P.M.	1:10 P.M.	*1:10 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
1:55 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	.....	!1:45 P.M.	1:50 P.M.	2:01 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	.....	.....	2:25 P.M.	2:36 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	.....	3:00 P.M.	3:11 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	3:50 P.M.
4:10 P.M.	.....	.....	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	.....	.....	4:30 P.M.
4:50 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	5:10 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	!7:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
7:55 P.M.	7:55 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
8:45 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

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SUNDAYS

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8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	9:05 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:26 A.M.
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11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
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10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
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No. 20—12:10 A. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON. PASSENGERS MAY REMAIN IN SLEEPER UNTIL 7:00 A. M.

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PLOT OF GERMANS IN AFGHANISTAN FAILED

Sponsors Were Unable to Receive Support of the Ameer.

Uprising Was Expected to Spread Over Into India—Account of Its Failure is Announced in the House of Commons.

(Correspondence of Associated Press).

London, Dec. 10.—After nearly two years of silence regarding the situation in Afghanistan, where it was known that German agents had been active in the early days of the war, the British government has issued an account of the failure of the alleged German plot for a great Afghan uprising. The sponsors of the scheme, it is said, expected little difficulty in obtaining assistance of the Ameer of Afghanistan, and planned that the uprising would spread quickly across the borders into India. The Ameer, however, dismissed the German emissaries, refusing to have anything to do with their plots or their offers.

The British government's account, as given in the house of commons by Austen Chamberlain, secretary of state for India, is as follows:

"In the spring of 1915 the German government decided to send a mission to Afghanistan. For this purpose they selected from among a number of Indian anarchists in Berlin a young landowner from Oudh, who posed to them as a ruling chief, and as such was received in audience by the emperor.

"This person was accompanied by a party of German officers, some Turks and another Indian anarchist, a Moslem. The principal German officer, Lieutenant von Hentig, was the bearer of a letter from the German chancellor to the Ameer, in which the latter was invited to advise the pretended Rajah how best India might be liberated from British tyranny.

"Von Hentig was also charged to make important revelations to the Ameer regarding the relations which the German government hoped would in future exist between Afghanistan, Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey.

"The mission broke up in Persia, and succeeded in making its way in small parties into Afghanistan in the late summer. They were arrested on arrival and eventually conveyed to Kabul towards the end of the year. There is reason to believe that the Ameer and his people quickly appraise these Germans and the Indian adventurers by whom they were accompanied, at their true value.

"It is true that the intervention of Turkey under German influence created a complication, and placed his majesty the Ameer, in an exceedingly difficult position.

"But at the outbreak of the war his majesty gave the Viceroy of India the most solemn assurances of his intention to preserve the neutrality of his country, and it is with great satisfaction that I acknowledge on behalf of his majesty's government the loyalty of the Ameer to his pledged word—as sacred to the true Moslem as to ourselves.

"His majesty has firmly refused the inducements—as seductive as they are unrealized—held out to him to induce him to forsake his ally, and has used his influence to prevent disturbances on the frontier.

"The Ameer dismissed the mission in May last. It would not be in the public interest to state what has become of the various members; but some of them have been captured by the Russians and the British after leaving Afghanistan.

"The estates of the Indian landowner have been sequestrated by the government of India.

"Letters were also addressed by the German chancellor to a number of ruling chiefs."

FURTHER GAINS ARE MADE BY THE FRENCH IN THEIR DRIVE IN VERDUN REGION

(Continued From Page One.)

Rumanian foreign office should be transported to Petrograd, the other ministeries for the present being established at Kiev. The Rumanian parliament, it is reported, will meet at Petrograd. King Ferdinand is said to have declared that he would stay one week in Russia and then go to England.

The correspondent quoted Russian news dispatches from Jassy on the Russo-Rumanian frontier as saying that the Rumanian towns of Braila and Galatz, on the Danube in Southeastern Boldavia have been evacuated by the Aumanians.

TEUTONS CROSS THE BUZEU SECTOR OVER BROAD FRONT

Berlin, Dec. 17 (via Sayville)—Teutonic allied troops under command of Field Marshal Von Macksenen yesterday crossed the Buzeu sector in Central Rumania, over a broad front, says today's German official statement. The invaders took 1,150 prisoners and captured 19 locomotives and 400 railway cars. In Dobrudja pursuit of the retreating Russian and Rumanian troops has brought the forces of the Central Powers to the forest district in the northern part of the province where it is said, they expect to meet with resistance.

Brandenburg troops yesterday stormed Russian positions over a breadth of 600 yards to the north of the railroad between Kovel and Lutske in Volhynia, according to the official statement issued today at German army headquarters. The Teutons captured five officers and 300 men and took several machine guns and mine throwers. A Russian attack near Illukst was repulsed.

OPERATIONS IN WALLACHIA ARE CONSIDERED TERMINATED

Berlin, Dec. 17 (via Sayville).—The following comment on the military situation in Rumania and the Verdun sector of France is given out for publication by the Overseas News Agency:

"Operations in Wallachia can now be considered as terminated. Buzeu, which has now fallen into the hands of the Central Powers, is the last important railroad point in Wallachia. The allies (Teutonic) now control two-thirds of the Rumanian railroad lines. The Buzeu and Jalomitza rivers form the second and third strategical lines, in which were secured corn and oil stores. The most recent German successes finally have provoked a greater activity on the western front, but the great new attack on the Meuse, launched by the French after strong artillery preparation cannot modify the general situation. Such offensive thrusts, carried out with all available means, are always successful at the beginning."

GREAT QUANTITIES OF GRAIN SEIZED BY CENTRAL POWERS

London, Dec. 17.—Adolph von Batockoo, president of the German food regulation board, has arrived at Budapest to attend the Austro-Hungarian food conference, says a dispatch from Copenhagen to the Exchange Telegraph Company. Herr von Batocki is quoted as declaring that the Austro-Germans seized 60,000,000 bushels of grain and maze in Rumania insuring to the Central Powers sufficient supplies until the next harvest.

TO CHANGE JURISDICTION IN GOVERNMENT OF WARSAW

Berlin, Dec. 17, (via Sayville).—According to a decree that becomes valid January 1, 1917, says the Overseas News Agency, jurisdiction in the government of Warsaw, will be completely changed. In the future the civil and military jurisdiction will be carried out by justices of the peace, the district courts and the supreme court. In the courts the use of the Polish and the German languages will be permitted.

TELLS HOW TERRITORY OF RUMANIA IS TO BE DIVIDED

Amsterdam, (via London(Dec. 17.—The Vossische Zeitung says that a territorial re-arrangement based upon the idea of the independence of Rumania is no longer to be considered. This statement, which is based upon information of well informed circles, is followed by a declaration that Russia will receive Moldavia as an equivalent for a considerable territorial sacrifice which is to be demanded of her.

Plands, the article adds, is to be made into an independent kingdom court and is to become a German federal state; Lithuania is to be incorporated in Prussia, Dobrudja is to be returned to Bulgaria and Wallachia is to be divided between Austria-Hungary and Bulgaria.

TWO FRENCH GENERALS SAW FIGHTING IN VERDUN SECTOR

Paris, Dec. 17. (via London)—General Nivelle, recently appointed commander-in-chief in the north and north east, was present with General Petain, commander of the French forces in the Soissons—Verdun sector—in the successful operations on December 15 north of Verdun, both having collaborated in the preparation. Upon leaving Verdun for his new headquarters, General Nivelle in taking leave of his staff said as follows:

"The test is conclusive; our method has proved sound. Once more the second army has just asserted in the highest degree its morale and material ascendency over the enemy. Victory is certain; I give you assurance. Germany will learn it to her cost."

WILL BE EXECUTED BEFORE THE DAY ORIGINALLY SET

Request of Two Youths in Sing Sing Prison to Be Granted

Sing Sing, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Two youths sentenced to be executed at Sing Sing prison this week have voluntarily shortened their lives by at least three days so that the grief of their relatives may be dulled as much as possible by Christmas, it was announced here tonight.

They are Stanley J. Milstein, 19 years, of Utica, who killed a policeman, and Charles Kumrow, 20, who killed a tug boat captain in Buffalo. They were to have been sent to the electric chair Friday or Saturday. The young men requested that they be executed Tuesday and the warden is said to have assented, as the sentence of the court had merely stipulated the week in which the condemned youths were to be put to death.

New York, Dec. 17.—Governor Whitman stated here tonight that he did not believe there was any ground for the exercise of executive clemency in the case of Stanley J. Millstein, convicted of killing a policeman and in whose behalf President Wilson will be asked by humanitarians to intervene.

LIEUT. VON BEHAIM KILLED.

Noted German Officer Was Scion of One of Oldest Noble Families.

Nuernberg, Germany, Dec. 17. — Lieutenant Behaim von Schwarzbach, scion of one of the oldest noble families in Germany, and the last male member of the family, has been killed at the eastern theatre of war.

Lieutenant von Behaim is a direct descendant of Martin Behaim, a renowned explorer and sailor, who is said to probably have been a colleague of Columbus, and who himself undertook at the end of the Fifteenth century trips to the coast of Africa that extended as far as the Cape of Good Hope. He is said to have completed the first "globe" of the world, which is still in the possession of the Behaim family in Nuernberg.

NEW JAP. SUPERDREADNAUGHT.

The Ise, Sister Ship of the Yamashiro, Recently Launched.

Kobe, Japan, Dec. 17. — In the presence of Prince Higashi Fushimi, the superdreadnaught Ise was launched recently at the Kawasaki shipyard. When a chain was severed with a commemorative silver axe the warship slid into the sea amid the booming of guns and cheers.

The Ise is a sister ship of the Yamashiro, with a length of 683 feet and displacement of 3,260 tons. Her armament will consist of twelve 14-inch guns, twenty 5-inch guns, four 3-inch guns for destroying aeroplanes, four machine guns, eleven 3-inch guns for landing parties, and four torpedo tubes.

MINISTER'S SLAYER CAPTURED

Detectives Nab Negro Wanted at Dillon, S. C.—Spirited Away.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Dillon, S. C., Dec. 17.—John Johnson, the negro who is alleged to have murdered Rev. Hugh Harrelson at his home near here, was captured by detectives, six miles south of Florence, yesterday morning. He was brought to Dillon, but was spirited away for safe keeping, after a mob had formed and threatened to lynch him.

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LOST — FRIDAY NIGHT, FROM 18TH and Princess street, brown and white setter dog. Answers to name "Bell." Reward, if returned to above address. de18-2t*

LOST—BRINDLE FEMALE BULL TERRier between Northwest and Wilmington, on evening of 14th. Will pay liberal reward for return. J. D. GeBott, Wilmington, N. C. de18-6t

FRESH GROUND COCOANUT, 15c quart; separated milk or buttermilk for cooking, 15c gallon, at store, or delivered at 29c. A. G. Warren Ice Cream Co. de18-1t

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OLD NEWSPAPERS—SUITABLE FOR wrapping or placing under carpets; limited number for sale at 20 cents per hundred while they last, at The Star office. de 14-tf

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FIRST CLASS COLORED BARBER wanted at once. $12.50 guaranteed a week; 60 per cent all over $20.00. Artis Bros., Farmville, N. C. de17-7t*

FOR RENT — NICELY FURNISHED room, near Post Office. Modern conveniences. 'Phone 773; 216 North Second street. de17-3t*

WANTED — PINE TAR, GUM THUS, and crude turpentine. Write or call on North Carolina Naval Stores Co.; 408 Mafitt's Marine Wireless Bldg., Wilmington, N. C. de17-tf

TO MY FRIENDS AND THE PUBLIC:— I am now connected with the City Laundry, where with first-class equipment I can guarantee you satisfactory work. Your patronage will be appreciated. Phone 249 or send to 26 N. 2nd St. Yours truly, E. Wright. de10-su,mo,tu-6t

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE latest things on the market in wedge wood I have a beautiful line of La Valiers and brooches, I also have a beautiful line of cameo brooches, prices from $2.50 to $30.00. Will be glad to show you my line. J. T. Burke, the Jeweler. 37 S. Front St. de17-8t

A NICE PIECE OF SOLID GOLD JEWelry is something to be appreciated by any one, especially when it is handed down from one family to another, as heirloom, so you see it pays to buy something good in solid gold. I make a specialty of medium price solid gold jewelry. J. T. Burke, The Jeweler; 37 S. Front St. de17-8t

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WOOD, WOOD, WOOD. — NICE PINE wood, cut and split, $1.40. Stick, $1.25. 'Phone 112. Office No. 717 North 8th St. de17-7t*

SPECIAL PRICES FOR ONE WEEK only—Asparagus tips, 10c; whole asparagus, 14c; early June peas, 11c; Premier peas, 14c; Bridal corn, 12c; Premier corn, 14c; succotash, 14c; Lima beans, 14c; one Premier ketchup, 12c; tomatoes, 12c; crisco, 15c and 32c; Beechnut grape jelly, 15c; Premier dressing, large size, 25c; salted almonds, 25c; one package rice, 8c; figs, 20c per pound; Sultana raisins, 23c; shelled raisins, 55c; full cream cheese, 30c; large prunes, 15c; peaches, 10c. B. May's Delicatessen, Phone 322. de 16-7t

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WANTED TO RENT A TWO-HORSE farm on or near Taw Creek. Must be good land and good house, not less than five rooms. Address "S. P. L." Star office. de 16-7t

ONE 6 ROOM MODERN COTTAGE FOR sale. Am leaving city and will sell cheap. Will take good automobile in part payment. Address "S. A. W.," care Star. de17-4t*

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DO IT TODAY—GET YOUR CHRISTmas cards now. Harriss Typewriting & Adv. Co. de 16-3t

DRESSED CHICKENS AND TURKEYS. Extra quality dressed chickens with giblets; choice New River oysters, 35 cents quart; country butter, 35 cents; fancy celery, 10 cents. Batson's Meat Market. Phone 72. de 9-1t

WANTED — OLD FALSE TEETH. — Don't matter if broken. I pay $1.00 to $5.00 per set. Mail to L. Mazer, 2007 S. Fifth street, Philadelphia, Pa. Will send cash by return mail. de1_21t*

ATTENTION—WE CAN SAVE YOU money in shoe repairing. Best workmanship; best material; and all leading brands of rubber heels. Rapid Shoe Repair Co., two doors from Bijou. Phone 929. de 14-7t*

LIMA BEANS! LIMA BEANS! JUST received several hundred bags. Send us your orders. Bear Produce & Merchandise Company. Phone 452 and 453. Wilmington, N. C. de 14-1t

FOR $18.00 PER MONTH YOU CAN rent 103 South Eighth street, seven rooms, bath and electric lights. See Gordon Brothers, or 'Phone 745. no1-tf

WANTED IMMEDIATELY — FOUR good log pond men, and one block setter. E. P. Burton Lumber Co., Charleston, S. C. de14-7t

NO BOYCOTT ON THESE PRICES— Guaranteed eggs, 35c dozen; cooking butter, 29c pound; seeded raisins, 10c package; citron, 34c pound; sanitary mince meat, 10c package; English walnuts, 20c pound; compound lard, 15c pound; best pig meat, 19c pound; tomatoes, 3-lb. can, 12c; London layer raisins, 12 1-2c; Crisco, 12-oz. cans, 15c, 2 for 25c. Full line native beef and pork; choice cut loin and round steak, 20c lb.; corned hams, 20c lb.; good roast, 15c lb. The store that does things that count for the people. R. L. Burton, corner Sixth and Nixon. Phone 495. Free delivery everywhere. de12-tf

AUTOS FOR HIRE—DAY OR NIGHT at the right price. Corner McRae and Campbell streets, Wilmington, N. C. Phone 1965-W. de12-7t

DON'T PUT IT OFF—ORDER THOSE Christmas cards today. Harriss Typewriting & Adv. Co. de 16-3t

COME AND SEE A COMPLETE LINE of solid gold jewelry at unusually low prices. A few of the items on which we can save you money; diamonds, watches, bracelets, cameo brooches, in vallieres, cuff buttons, stick pins, etc. No. 6 S. Front st.; 'phone 642. no21-tf

DON'T PUT IT OFF—SHIP YOUR leaky radiators to W. B. Klander, 8 So. 2nd St. I am the doctor. de10-tf

FURNITURE, FURNITURE—WE HAVE all kinds at prices that will attract. If good service and fair treatment you are looking for we are the place. Always have some pieces that are slightly damaged at great big bargains. This writer has sold more furniture in this city than any living man. See us. Sterling Furniture Co. Phone 60. 19 and 21 South Front street, E. H. Sneed, manager. de 14-tf

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HAS NEW PLAN TO ENCOURAGE PEACE

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conditions would have meant a handicap to the Central Powers in case (contrary to what some newspapers in hostile countries have declared), the hostile governments decided to enter into negotiations or discussions. It is a self-evident truth that nobody could come to such negotiations with tied hands while the hands of the other party were completely free'."

SMALL FORTUNE IN HOUSE

Nearly $2,000 Found in Home of Woman Who Died Near Greensboro.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 17.—Several days ago Mrs. Narcissus Summers was found dead in her bed in her home a few miles east of the city. She had accumulated, during her lifetime, enough to buy a neat little farm and as far as was known this was her only worldly possession. However, she did have the reputation, in her neighborhood—she was hardly known beyond these limits —of being a quiet, easy-going person and did not disclose any of her personal affairs to outsiders and there was no one else living in the house at the time of her death, consequently nothing was known of her affairs.

There was a party of men from the city, one of whom was acquainted with the deceased, who took the matter in charge and went out to the house yesterday to look the place over and, if possible, to locate a will. And it was during these formalities that nearly two thousand dollars in cash was revealed. The first find came in a closet hidden away and was about six hundred dollars in greenbacks of every description. The second was the gold currency, and was found in a secret drawer in an old desk. There was a seven hundred dollars of this. And in different places over the house there was found five or six hundred dollars in silver.

Some of the money was of late issue and so no idea could be drawn as to the length of time this money had been hearded. Mrs. Summers was not looked upon as a miser and the finders are at loss to understand why this large amount was kept in the house.

Royal Opens Tonight, 7:30.
Danny Lund's Triangle Girls.—adv't.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE PLANNED BY MAYOR M'NEILL

Every "Deserving Kid" of Fayetteville May Receive Package

(Special Star Correspondence).

Fayetteville, Dec. 17.—Fayetteville will have a community Christmas tree if plans made up by Mayor James D. McNeill are carried out, and there is little doubt that they will be. Mayor McNeill proposes to have the tree brilliantly lighted with electricity, placed on the west balcony of the old market house, in the center of the town, where appropriate choral music will be sung every night from Christmas Eve to New Year's. The Elks will be asked to distribute a Christmas package to every "deserving kid" on the night before Christmas while other charitable organizations will be requested to take charge on the other nights.

W. T. Jones, superintendent of public works, and the Holmes Electric Company have offered to do the electric wiring for the tree.

BANQUET TO HUNTING PARTY

Philadelphia Business Men Honored by Hotel LaFayette.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 17.—Miles P. Hoffman and a party of Philadelphia business men who have been hunting here for the past week were honored with a banquet by Harry C. Peters and Jack Meador, of the Hotel LaFayette, last night. The guests of honor were Mr. Hoffman, William F. Brown, Judge Joseph P. Rogers, Cornelius Haggarty, Jr., and A. J. Fleming, of Philadelphia, and H. F. Scatchardy, of Norristown, Pa. Judge Rogers was the toastmaster and wit flowed rapidly. After dinner speeches were made by all the visitors and by Dr. J. V. McGoughan, A. L. McCaskill and Terry A. Lyon, of this city. The other guests were W. E. Kindley, W. D. McNeill, F. D. Williams, J. H. McIlwinen, Jr., A. B. McMillan and R. M. Vanstory, of Fayetteville, and James Johnson and Walter Johnson, of St. Paul. Levin's orchestra of Raleigh furnished the music.

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AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, NOV. 17TH, 1916.

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$5,533,969.70	Capital Stock	$1,000,000.00
U. S. Bonds (at Par)	602,500.00	Surplus and Net Profits	723,923.59
Bank Building	480,000.00	Circulation	543,300.00
Bonds and other Securities	336,690.00	Special Deposit Bonds	16,000.00
Liquidation Account, Southern National Bank	28,675.34	Acceptances	750,000.00
Customers' Liability Acceptances	750,000.00	Deposits	7,510,133.21
Cash and Due by Banks	2,810,611.76		
Total	$10,542,356.80	Total	$10,542,356.80

DEPOSITS:
Nov. 17th, 1914 ... $4,313,401.77
Nov. 17th, 1915 ... 6,083,763.59
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